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RELIGIOUS FOLK SONGS OF THE NEGRO

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PREFACE

THE slave music of the South presents a field for research and study very extensive and rich, and one which has been scarcely more than entered upon.

There are evidently, I think, two legitimate methods of treating this music: either to render it in its absolute, rude simplicity, or to develop it without destroying its original characteristics, the only proper field for such development being in harmony.

Practical experience shows the necessity, in some cases, of making compensation for its loss in being transplanted. Half of its effectiveness in its home depends upon accompaniments which can be carried away only in memory. The inspiration of numbers; the overpowering chorus, covering defects; the swaying of the body; the rhythmical stamping of the feet; and all the wild enthusiasm of the Negro camp meetings,—these evidently cannot be transported to the boards of public performance. To secure variety and do justice to the music, I have, therefore, treated it by both methods. The most characteristic of the songs are left entirely or nearly untouched. On the other hand the improvement which a careful bringing out of the various parts has effected in such pieces as *"Some o' dese Mornin's," Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard," "Dust and Ashes,"* and *"The Church of God,"* which seemed especially susceptible to such development, suggests possibilities of making more than has yet been made out of this slave music.

Another obstacle to its rendering is the fact that tones are frequently employed which we have no musical characters to represent. Such, for example, is that which I have indicated as nearly as possible by the flat seventh in *"Great Campmeetin'," "Hard Trials,"* and others. These tones are variable in pitch, ranging through an entire interval on different occasions, according to the inspiration of the singer. They are rarely discordant and often add a charm to the performance. It is of course impossible to explain them in words, and to those who wish to sing them, the best advice is that most useful in learning to pronounce a foreign language: *Study all the rules you please, then—go listen to a native.*

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One reason for publishing this slave music is that it is rapidly passing away. It may be that this people which has developed such a wonderful musical sense in its degradation will in its maturity produce a composer who could bring a music of the future out of the music of the past. At present, however, the freedmen have an unfortunate inclination to despise it as a vestige of slavery; those who learned it in the old time, when it was the natural outpouring of their sorrows and longings, are dying off; and if efforts are not made for its preservation the country will soon have lost this wonderful music of bondage.

The melodies in this book, with a few exceptions, are published here for the first time, and the exceptions are themselves original in arrangement and effect. The words of the slave hymns are often common property through the South, but are sung to different tunes in different sections of the country.

THOMAS P. FENNER

HAMPTON, VA., January 1, 1874

INTRODUCTION

IN publishing this new and enlarged edition of the Hampton Songs, little explanation is needed, for it is done in response to a demand. Ever since the publication of the first edition in 1874, when the band of Hampton Student Singers were helping to raise the walls of Virginia Hall by its concerts in the North, there have been frequent requests for their music. Meanwhile, though the old favorites have not been neglected, many more melodies, striking and beautiful, have been brought in by students from various parts of the South. The field seems almost inexhaustible. Their origin no one exactly knows. An old "aunty," questioned on the subject, declared that "when Mass'r Jesus walked de earth, when he feel tired He sit a-restin' on Jacob's well and make up dese yer spirituals for His people." A half-familiar strain, recalling some old ballad or psalm-tune, now and then suggests a possible solution for some of them; and, as Lowell said of Chaucer, "If one can transmute lead into gold, why ask where he got his lead?" So strikingly original, as well as of such quaint, pathetic, even artistic beauty, are most of them, that they justify Edward Everett Hale's assertion that they are "the only American music."

A consideration of the slave music of the South, from the musician's standpoint, was made by Mr. Thomas P. Fenner, who trained the original band of Hampton Student Singers and arranged the songs in the first edition of this book, his preface to which is subjoined. The disposition which he noticed in the freedmen to be ashamed of the songs of slave times still exists. Some of the old ring is lost with the experience that called it forth. Yet the people are still natural musicians, and it is easy to arouse in the more advanced an intelligent interest in the characteristic music which excites so much sympathy and respect for the race, and is so identified with their past history and their present fortunes.

NOTE TO NEW EDITION

For the fifth time we are publishing these Negro Religious Folk Songs. To this edition are being added some twenty-five new ones, for the use of which we wish to acknowledge the courtesy of Professor F. J. Work of Fisk University, Mrs. Jennie C. Lee of Tuskegee Institute, the Calhoun Colored School, and the Penn School.

It is exceedingly gratifying to know that these songs and Negro folklore generally are not only continuing to hold their own among white people but are becoming more and more popular with Negroes. General Armstrong often referred to the plantation songs as a wonderful possession which the Negro should hold on to as a priceless legacy. They are truly a priceless legacy. Though the words are sometimes rude and the strains often wild, yet they are the outpourings of an ignorant and poverty-stricken people whose religious longings and ideals struggled for expression and found it through limited vocabularies and primitive harmonies. They are not merely poetry, they are life itself—the life of the human soul manifesting itself in rude words, wild strains, and curious though beautiful harmonies.

For nearly a score of years I have led the plantation songs at Hampton Institute, and while in a general way we adhere to the music as notated in this book, we find that the best results are usually obtained by allowing the students, after they have once caught the air, to sing as seems to them most easy and natural.

ROBERT R. MOTON,
Commandant

Hampton Institute,
Hampton, Va., May 11, 1909

Oh, den my little Soul 's gwine to Shine.

"This was sung by a boy who was sold down South by his master; and when he parted from his mother, these were the words he sang."— J. H. Bailey.

1. I'm gwine to jine de great 'so - ci - a-tion, I'm gwine to jine de great 'so - ci - a - tion, I'm gwine to jine de great 'so - ci - a - tion;

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Den my lit - tle soul's gwine to shine, shine, Den my lit - tle soul's gwine to shine a - long. Oh,

1st TIME. 2d TIME.

2 I'm gwine to climb up Jacob's ladder, Den my little soul, &c.
3 I'm gwine to climb up higher and higher, Den my little soul, &c.
4 I'm gwine to sit down at the welcome table, Den my little soul, &c.
5 I'm gwine to feast off milk and honey, Den my little soul, &c.
6 I'm gwine to tell God how-a you sarved me, Den my little soul, &c.
7 I'm gwine to jine de big baptizin', Den my little soul, &c.

Peter, go Ring dem Bells.

"A secret prayer-meeting song, sung by Thomas Vess, a blacksmith and a slave. He especially sang it when any one confessed religion. Thomas Vess was a man whose heart was given to these songs, for in the neighborhood where he lived, it seemed like a prayer-meeting did not go on well without him. I have long since learned wherever he was known what happiness he got from them."

J. M. Waddy.

1. Oh Pe - ter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go ring dem bells, Peter, go

Al Cho. after D.C.

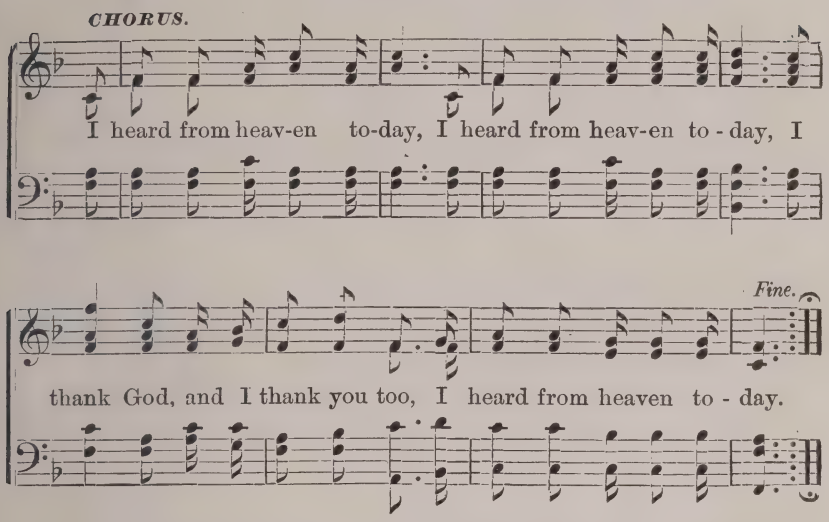
ring dem bells, I heard from heav-en to - day. I wonder where my

mother is gone, I won-der where my mother is gone, I

D.C.

wonder where my moth-er is gone, I heard from heav-en to-day.

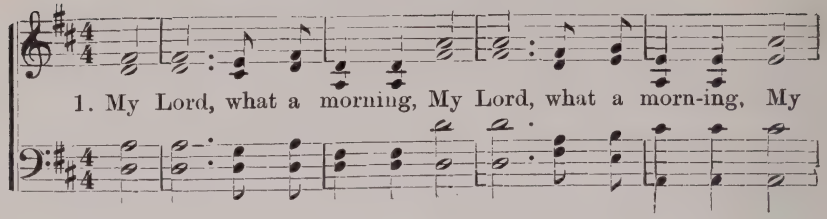
Peter, go Ring dem Bells.—*Concluded.*

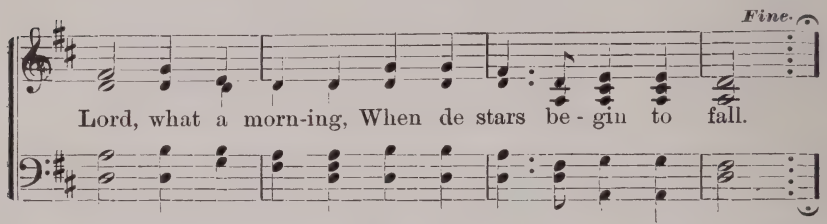


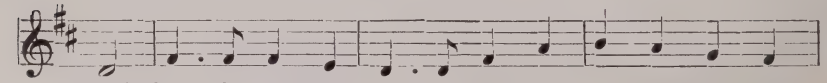
2 I wonder where sister Mary 's gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
I wonder where sister Martha's gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
It's good news, and I thank God—
I heard from heaven to-day.
Oh, Peter, go ring dem bells—
I heard from heaven to-day.
Cho.—I heard from heaven, &c.

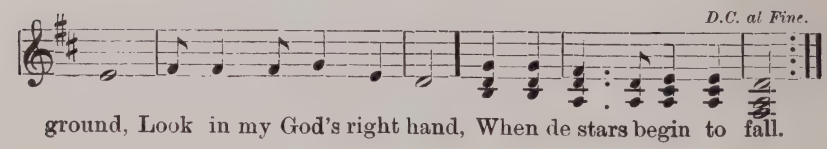
3 I wonder where brudder Moses gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
I wonder where brudder Daniel 's gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
He 's gone where Elijah has gone—
I heard from heaven to-day;
Oh, Peter, go ring dem bells—
I heard from heaven to-day.
Cho.—I heard from heaven, &c.

My Lord, what a Morning.





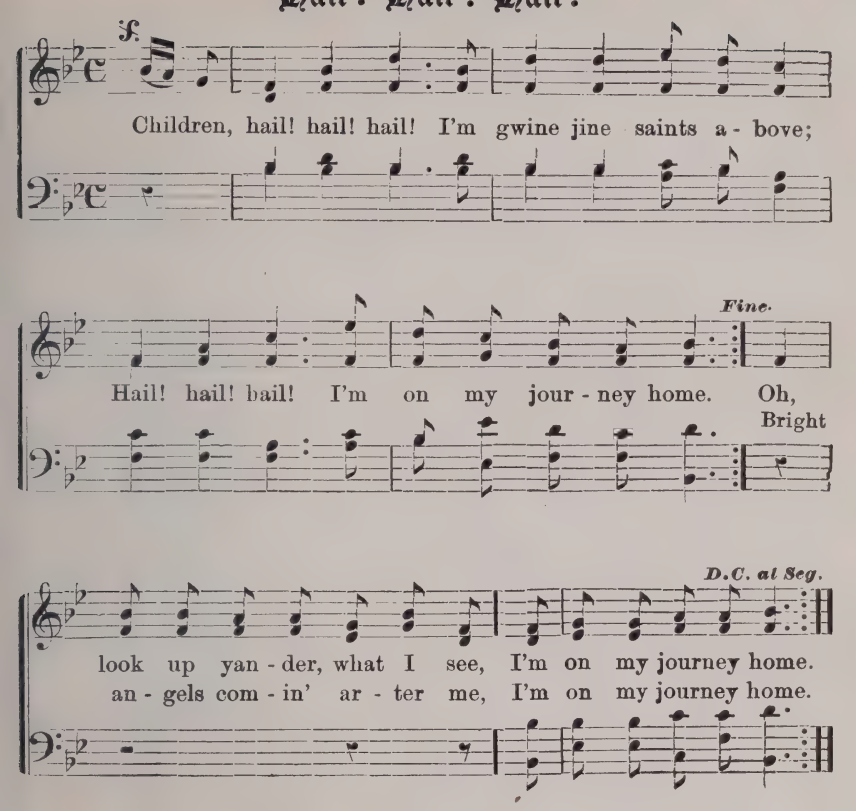




2 You 'll hear de Christians shout, To wake, &c.
Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c.
You 'll hear de angels sing, To wake, &c.
Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c.
Cho.—My Lord, what a morning, &c.

3 You 'll see my Jesus come, To wake, &c.
Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c.
His chariot wheels roll round, To wake, &c.
Look in my God's right hand, When de stars, &c
Cho.—My Lord, what a morning, &c.

Hail! Hail! Hail!



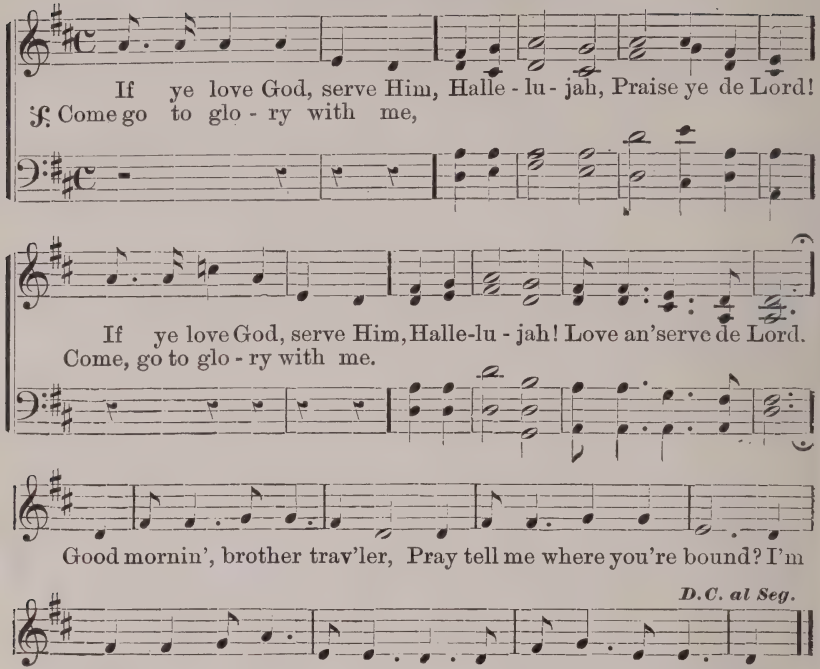
2 If you git dere before I do,
I'm on my journey home—
Look out for me—I'm comin' too;
I'm on my journey home.

Cho.—Children, hail, &c.

3 Oh, hallelujah to de Lamb!
I'm on my journey home;
King Jesus died for ebry man,
I'm on my journey home.

Cho.—Children, hail, &c.

Love an' serve de Lord.

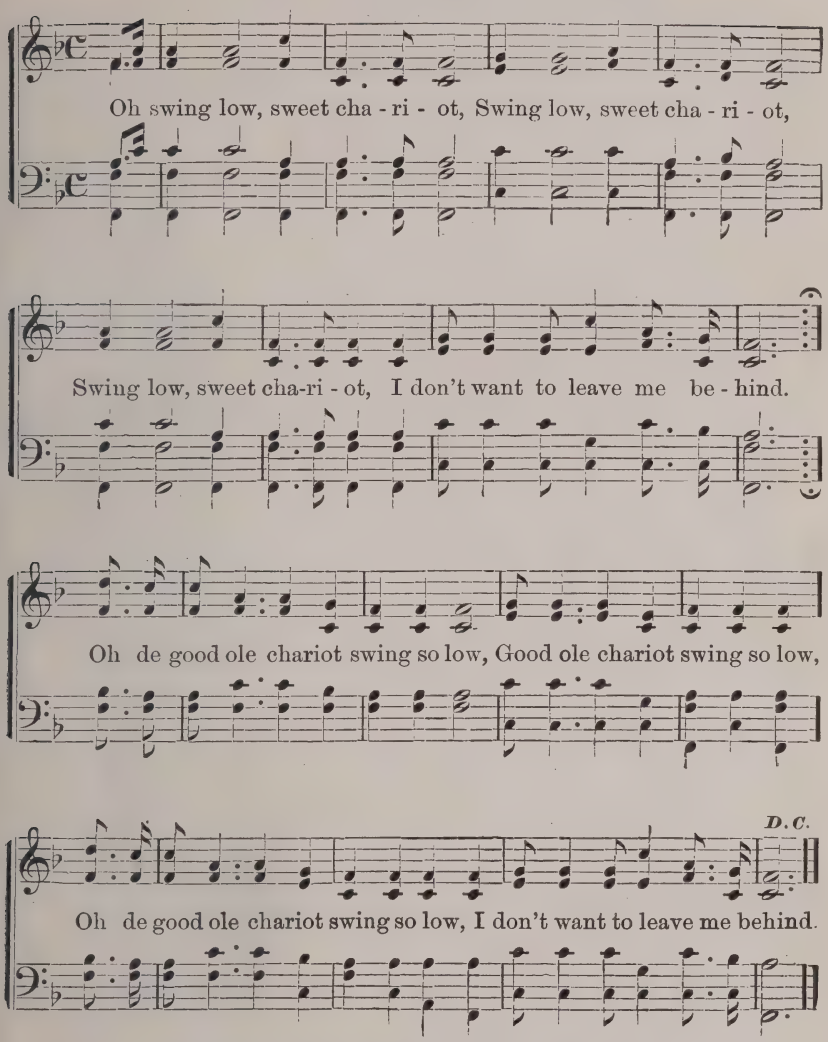


2 Oh, when I was a sinner,
I liked my way so well;
But when I come to find out,
I was on de road to hell.
Cho.—I fleed to Jesus—Hallelujah! &c.
Oh, Jesus received me, Hallelujah, &c.

3 De Father, He looked on de Son, and smiled,
De Son, He looked on me;
De Father, redeemed my soul from hell;
An' de Son, He set me free.
Cho.—I shouted Hallelujah! Hallelujah, &c.
I praised my Jesus, Hallelujah, &c.

4 Oh when we all shall get dere,
Upon dat-a heavenly sho',
We'll walk about dem-a golden streets,
An' nebber part no mo'.
Cho.—No rebukin' in de churches—Hallelujah,
Ebery day be Sunday—Hallelujah, &c.

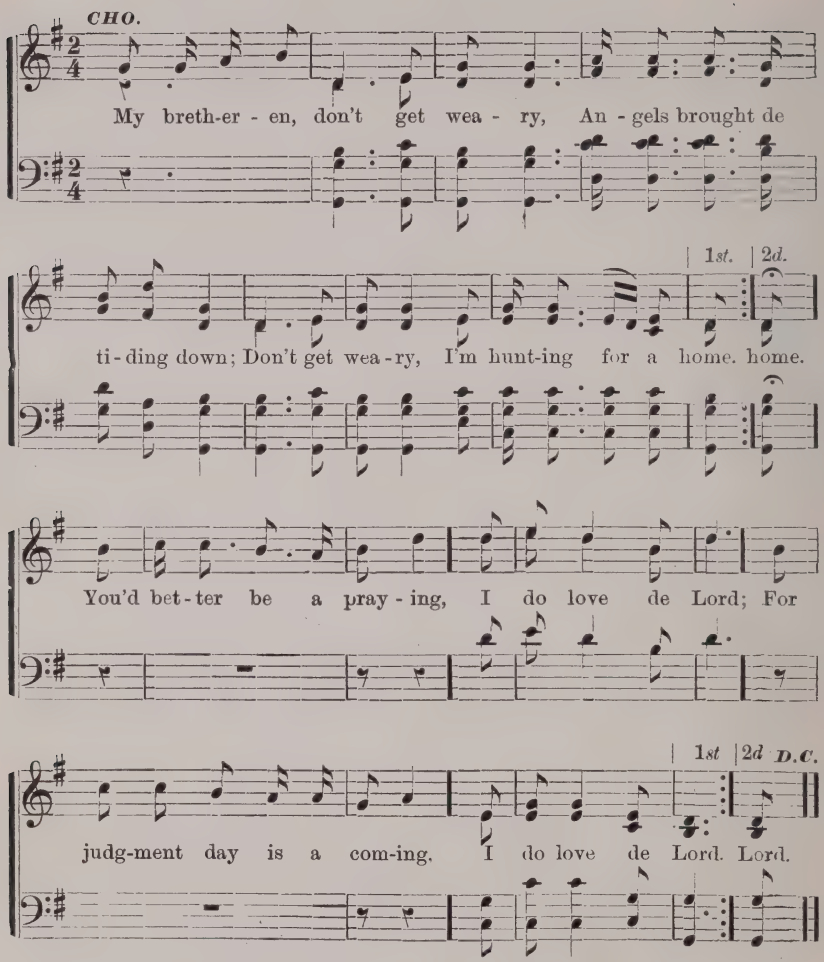
Swing low, sweet Chariot.



2 Oh de good ole chariot will take us all home,
I don't want to leave me behind.

Cho.—Oh swing low, sweet chariot, &c.

My Bretheren, don't get Weary.



2 Oh whar you runnin', sinner ?
I do love de Lord—
De judgment day is a comin'!
I do love de Lord.
Cho.—My bretheren, &c.

3 You'll see de world on fire!
I do love de Lord—
You'll see de element a meltin',
I do love de Lord.
Cho.—My bretheren, &c.

4 You'll see de moon a bleedin';
I do love de Lord—
You'll see the stars a fallin';
I do love de Lord.
Cho.—My bretheren, &c.

Nobody knows de trouble I've Seen.

(This song was a favorite in the Sea Islands. Once when there had been a good deal of ill feeling excited, and trouble was apprehended, owing to the uncertain action of the Government in regard to the confiscated lands on the Sea Islands, Gen. Howard was called upon to address the colored people earnestly. To prepare them to listen, he asked them to sing. Immediately an old woman on the outskirts of the meeting began "Nobody knows the trouble I've seen," and the whole audience joined in. The General was so affected by the plaintive melody, that he found it difficult to maintain his official dignity.)

Oh, no - bod - y knows de trou-ble I've seen, No - bod - y knows but

Fine.

Je - sus, Nobod - y knows de trouble I've seen. Glory Hal-le - lu - jah!

Some-times I'm up, sometimes I'm down; Oh, yes, Lord;
Al - though you see me goin' 'long so, Oh, yes, Lord;

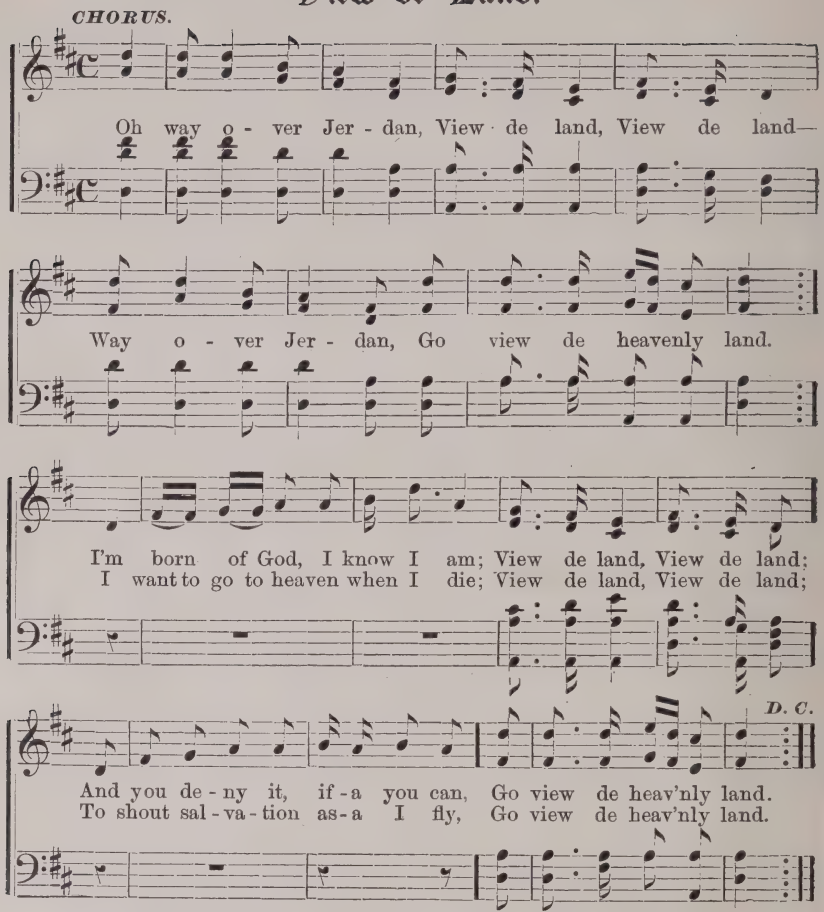
D.C. al Fine.

Some - times I'm al - most to de groun', Oh, yes, Lord.
I have my tri - als here be - low, Oh, yes, Lord.

2 One day when I was walkin' along, Oh yes, Lord—
De element opened, an' de Love came down, Oh yes, &c.
I never shall forget dat day, Oh yes, &c.
When Jesus washed my sins away, Oh yes, &c.

CHO.—Oh, nobody knows de trouble I've seen, &c.

View de Land.



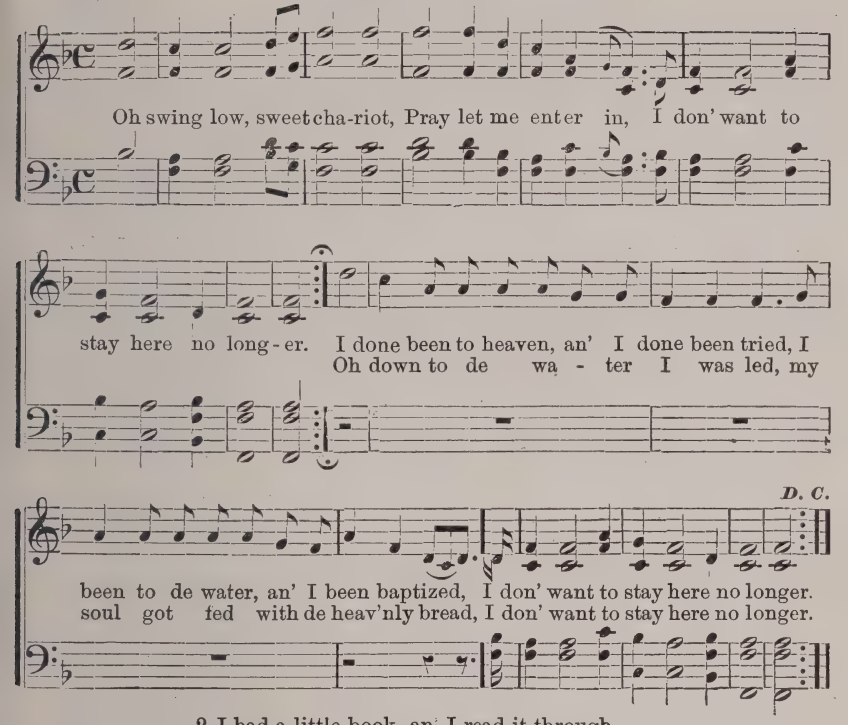
2 What kind o' shoes is dem-a you wear? View de land, &c.
Dat you can walk upon de air? Go view, &c.
Dem shoes I wear am de gospel shoes; View de land, &c.
An' you can wear dem ef-a you choose; Go view, &c.—*Cho.*

3 Der' is a tree in Paradise; View de land, &c.
De Christian he call it de tree ob life; Go view, &c.
I spects to eat de fruit right off o' dat tree; View de land, &c,
Ef busy old Satan will let-a me be; Go view, &c.—*Cho.*

4 You say yer Jesus set-a you free; View de land, &c.
Why don't you let-a your neighbor be? Go view, &c.
You say you're aiming for de skies; View de land, &c.
Why don't you stop-a your telling lies; Go view, &c.—*Cho.*

CHORUS.

The Danville Chariot.



2 I had a little book, an' I read it through,
I got my Jesus as well as you;
I don' want to stay here no longer;
Oh I got a mother in de promised land,
I hope my mother will feed dem lambs;
I don' want to stay here no longer.
CHO.—Oh swing low, sweet chariot, &c.

3 Oh, some go to church for to holler an' shout,
Before six months dey're all turned out;
I don' want to stay here no longer.
Oh, some go to church for to laugh an' talk,
But dey knows nothin' bout dat Christian walk;
I don' want to stay here no longer.
CHO.—Oh, swing low, sweet chariot, &c.

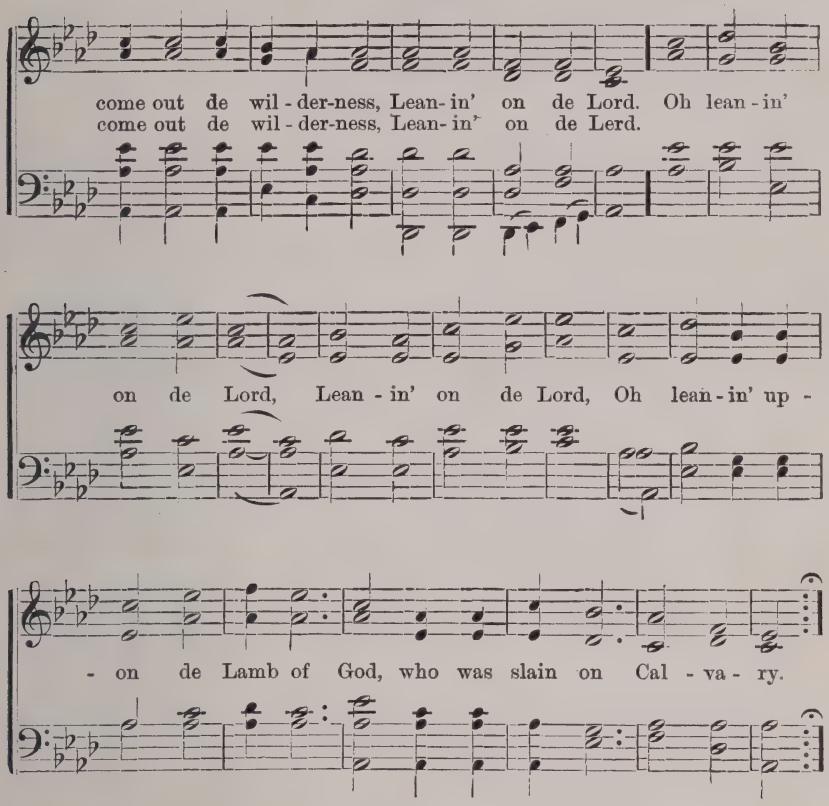
4 Oh shout, shout, de deb'l is about;
Oh shut your do' an' keep him out;
I don' want to stay here no longer.
For he is so much-a like-a snaky in de grass,
Ef you don' mind he will get you at las',
I don' want to stay here no longer.
CHO.—Oh, swing low, sweet chariot, &c.

Ef ye want to see Jesus.

"My father sang this hymn, and said he knew a time when a great many slaves were allowed to have a revival for two days, while their masters and their families had one; and a great many professed religion. And one poor, ignorant man, professed religion, and praised God, and sang this hymn."

Ef ye want to see Je - sus, Go in de wilderness, Go in de
wil - der-ness, Go in the wilderness, Ef ye want to see Je - sus,
Go in de wilderness Lean- in' on de Lord. Oh, brother how d'ye
I felt so
feel, when ye come out de wil - der-ness, come out de wil - der-ness,
happy when I come out de wil - der-ness, come out de wil - der-ness,
come out de wil - der-ness. Oh brud-der, how d'ye feel when ye
come out de wil - der-ness. I felt so happy when I

Ef ye want to see Jesus.—*Concluded.*



2 I shouted Hallelujah, when I come out de wilderness—
Leanin' on de Lord ;
I heard de angels singin', when I come out de wilderness—
Leanin' on de Lord ;
I heard de harps a harpin,' when I come out de wilderness—
Leanin' on de Lord.
Cho.—Oh, leanin' on de Lord.

3 I heard de angels moanin', when I come out de wilderness—
Leanin' on de Lord ;
I heard de deb'l howlin', when I come out de wilderness—
Leanin' on de Lord ;
I gib de deb'l a battle, when I come out de wilderness—
Leanin' on de Lord.
Cho.—Oh, leanin' on de Lord.

Oh, Yes.

Oh, yes! Oh, yes! I tell ye, breth-er-en, a mor-tal fac',

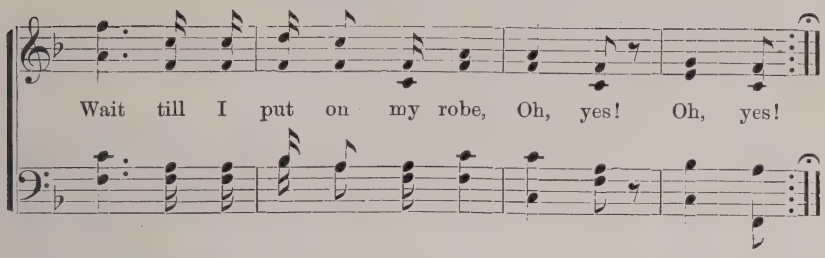
Oh, yes! Oh, yes! Ef ye want to get to heab'n, don't nebber look back,

Oh, yes! Oh, yes! I want to know-a before I go, Oh, yes! Oh, yes!
Ebber since I hab-a been newly born.

Yea, whether you love-a de Lord or no, Oh, yes! Oh, yes!
I love for to see-a God's work go on,

Oh, wait till I put on my robe, wait till I put on my robe,

Oh, Yes.—*Concluded.*



2.

Ef eber I land on de oder sho', Oh, yes,
I'll nebber come here for to sing no mo',
Oh, yes;
A golden band all round my waist,
An' de palms ob vic-a-try in-a my hand,
An' de golden slippers on to my feet,
Gwine to walk up an' down o' dem golden
street.
Cho.—Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

3.

An' my lovely bretherin, dat aint all, Oh,
yes,
I'm not done a talkin' about my Lord;
An' a golden crown a-placed on a-my head,
An' my long white robe a-come-a-dazzlin'
down,
Now wait till I get on my gospel shoes,
Gwine to walk about de heaben an' a-car-
ry de news.
Cho.—Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

4.

I'm anchored in Christ, Christ anchored
in me, Oh, yes, &c.,
All de deb'ls in hell can't-a-pluck a-me
out;
An' I wonder what Satan 's grumbulin'
about,
He's bound into hell, an' he can't git out.
But he shall be loose an' hab his sway,
Yea at de great resurrection day.
Cho.—Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

Verses, some of which are often added as encores.

5.

I went down de hill side to make a-one
prayer, Oh, yes,
An' when I got dere, old Satan was dere,
Oh, yes,
An' what do ye t'ink he said to me?
Oh, yes,
Said, "Off from here you'd better be."
Oh, yes;
An' what for to do, I did not know, Oh,
yes,
But I fell on my knees, an' I cried, Oh,
Lord, Oh, yes,
Now my Jesus bein' so good an' kind,
Yea, to de with-er-ed, halt an' blind;
My Jesus lowered his mercy down,
An' snatch-a-me from a-dem doors ob hell,
He snatch-a-me from dem doors ob hell,
An' took-a me in a-wid him to dwell.
Cho.—Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

6.

I was in de church an' prayin' loud,
An' on my knees to my Jesus bowed,
Ole Satan tole me to my face,
"I'll git you when-a-you leave dis place;"
Oh, brother, dat scare me to my heart,
I was 'fraid to walk a-when it was dark.
Cho.—Oh, wait till I get on my robe.

7.

I started home, but I did pray,
An' I met ole Satan on de way;
Ole Satan made a-one grab at me.
But he missed my soul, an' I went free.
My sins went a-lumberin' down to hell,
An' my soul went a-leapin' up Zion's hill;
I tell ye what, bretherin, you'd better not
laugh,
Ole Satan 'll run you down his path;
If he runs you, as he run me,
You'll be glad to fall upon your knee.
Cho.—Oh, wait till I put on my robe.

Run, Mary, Run.

Run, Ma - ry, run, Run, Ma - ry, run, Oh, run, Ma - ry, run, I know de od - er worl' 'm not like dis. Fire in de east, an' Jordan's rib - er is a fire in de west, I know de od - er worl' 'm not like dis, rib - er to cross, I know de od - er worl' 'm not like dis,

D.C. al Fine.

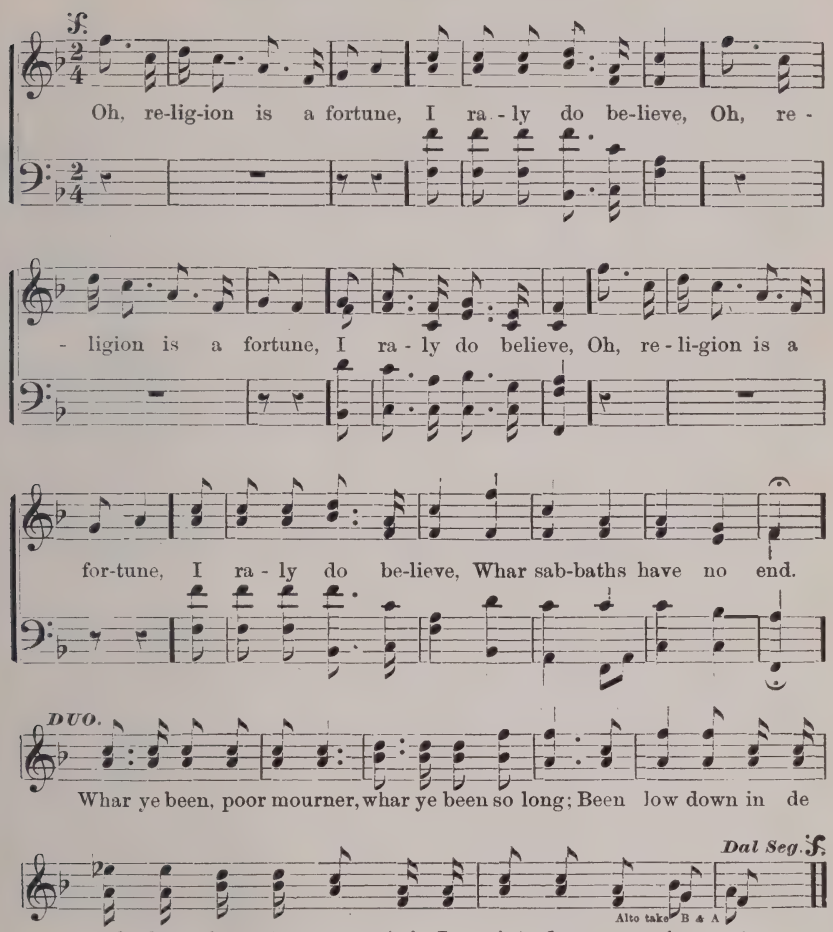
Bound to burn de wil-der-ness, I know de od - er worl' 'm not like dis.
Stretch your rod an' come a - cross, I know, &c.

2 Swing low, chariot, into de east, I know, &c.
Let God's children hab some peace; I know, &c.
Swing low, chariot, into de west; I know, &c.
Let God's children hab some rest; I know, &c.—Cho.

3 Swing low, chariot, into de north; I know, &c.
Gib me de gold widout de dross; I know, &c.
Swing low, chariot, into de south; I know, &c.
Let God's children sing and shout; I know, &c.—Cho.

4 Ef dis day war judgment day, I know, &c.
Ebery sinner would want to pray; I know, &c.
Dat trouble it come like a gloomy cloud; I know, &c.
Gader tick, an' tunder loud; I know, &c.—Cho.

Religion is a Fortune.



2 Gwine to sit down in de kingdom, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c.,
Gwine to walk about in Zion, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c.
Duo.—Whar ye ben young convert, &c.

3 Gwine to see my sister Mary, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c.
Gwine to see my brudder Jonah, I raly do believe.
Duo.—Whar ye ben good Christian, &c.

4 Gwine to talk-a wid de angels, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c.,
Gwine to see my massa Jesus, I raly do believe, Whar Sabbaths, &c.

Some o' dese Mornin's.

Gwine to see my moth-er some o' dese mornin's, see my moth-er
Oh, sittin' in de kingdom some o' dese mornin's, sittin' in de kingdom

some o' dese mornin's, See my moth-er, some o' dese morn - in's,
some o' dese mornin's, Sittin' in de kingdom, some o' dese morn - in's,

Look a-way in de heav-en, ... Look a -

Look a-way in de heaven,

Look a-way in de heav-en, ... Look a -

Hope I'll jine de band. Look a-way in de heaven,
Hope I'll jine de band. Look away in de heaven,

Some o' dese Mornin's.—*Continued.*

- way in de heav - en, ... Look a - way in de

Look a -way in de heaven, in de

- way in de heav - en .... Look a - way in de

Look a -way in de heaven, in de

Look a-way in de heav-en, Look a-way in de

heaven, Lord, Hope I'll jine de band, Look a-way in de

heav - en, Lord, Hope I'll jine de band, Look a -

Look away, ...

heav - en, Lord, Hope I'll jine de band, Look a -way in de

heav - en, Lord, Hope I'll jine de band, Look a -

heav - en, Lord, Hope I'll jine de band, Look away in de

Some o' dese Mornin's.—*Concluded.*

heav - en, Look a - way in de hea - ven, Look a-

- way in de heav-en, Look a - way in de heaven,
Look a-way ..... Look a-way .....

heav - en, ... Look a - way in de heav-en, Look a -
heaven, Look a-way in de heaven, Look a-way

- way in de heav-en, Look a - way in de heav-en,
heav-en, Look a -way in de heaven,

- way, In de hea - ven, Lord, Hope I'll join de band.

in de hea - ven, Lord, Hope I'll jine de band.
..... in de hea-ven, Lord, Hope I'll jine de band.

- way, in de heav-en, Lord, Hope I'll jine de band.

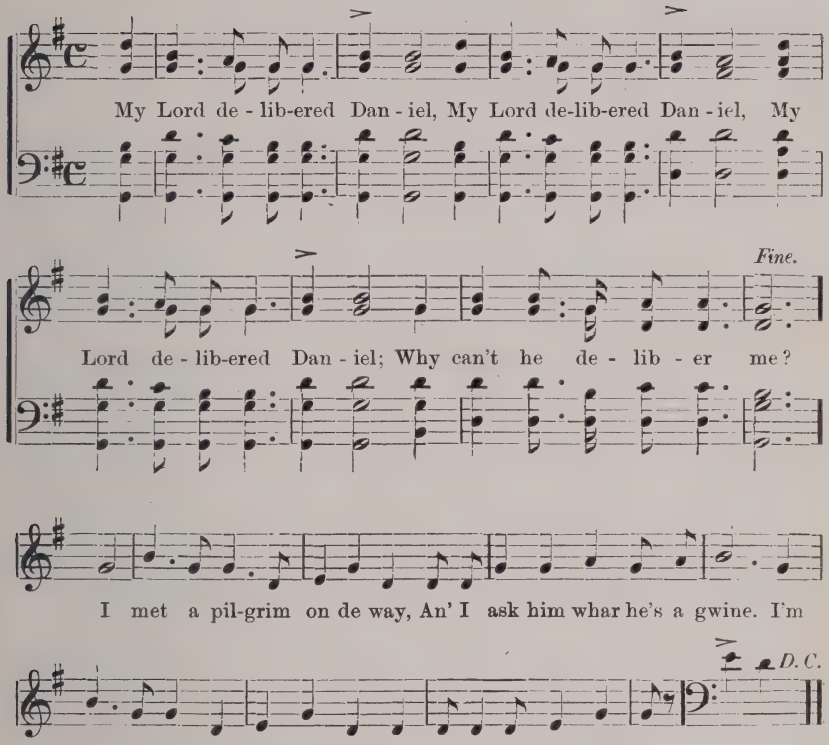
In de hea-ven, Lord, Hope I'll jine de band.
Look a-way in de heav-en, Lord, Hope I'll jine de band.

2 Gwine to see my brother some o' dese mornin's;
Oh, shouting in de heaven some o' dese mornin's,
Hope I'll jine de band. CHO.—Look away.

3 Gwine to walk about in Zion, some o' dese mornin's,
Gwine to talk-a with de angels some o'dese mornin's.
Hope I'll jine de band. CHO.—Look away.

4 Gwine to talk de trouble ober some o' dese mornin's,
Gwine to see my Jesus some o' dese mornin's,
Hope I'll jine de band. CHO.—Look away.

My Lord delibered Daniel.



2.

Some say dat John de Baptist
Was nothing but a Jew,
But de Bible doth inform us
Dat he was a preacher, too;
Yes, he was!
CHO.—My Lord delibered Daniel.

3.

Oh, Daniel cast in de lions den,
He pray both night an' day,
De angel came from Galilee,
An' lock de lions' jaw.
Dat's so.
CHO.—My Lord delibered Daniel.

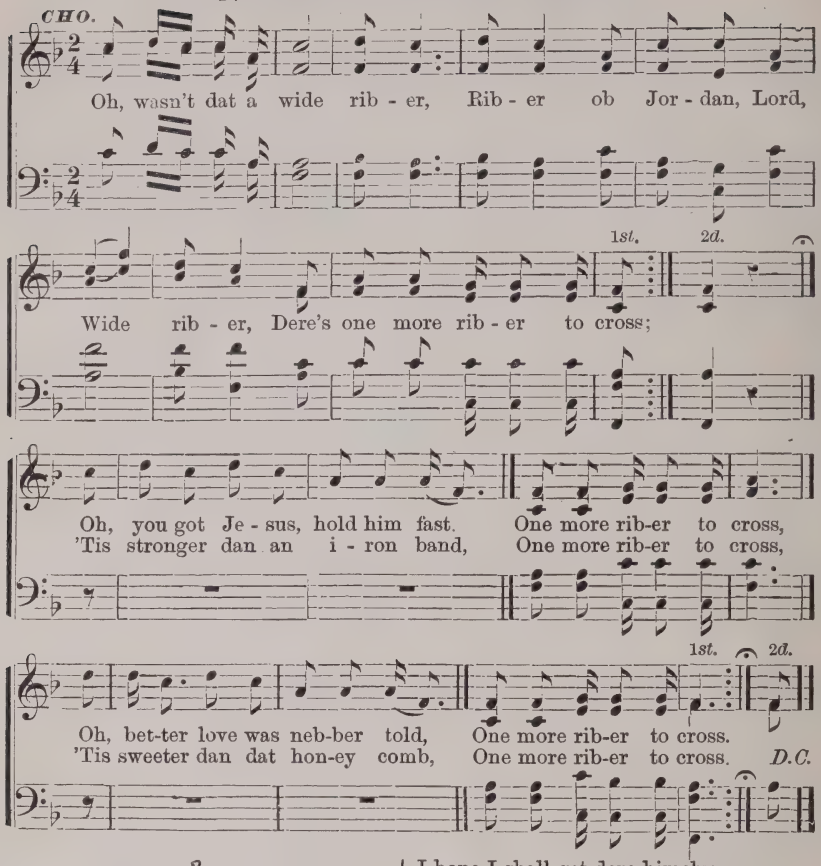
4.

He delibered Daniel from de lions' den,
Jonah from de belly ob de whale,
And de Hebrew children from de fiery furnace,
And why not ebery man?
Oh, yes!
CHO.—My Lord delibered Daniel.

5.

De richest man dat eber I saw
Was de one dat beg de most,
His soul was filled wid Jesus,
And wid de Holy Ghost.
Yes it was!
CHO.—My Lord delibered Daniel.

Oh, wasn't dat a wide Riber.



2.

Oh, de good ole chariot passing by,
One more riber to cross,
She jarred de earth an' shook de sky,
One more, &c.,
I pray, good Lord, shall I be one?
One more, &c.,
To get up in de chariot, trabbel on,
One more, &c.
CHO.—Oh, wasn't dat a wide riber? &c.

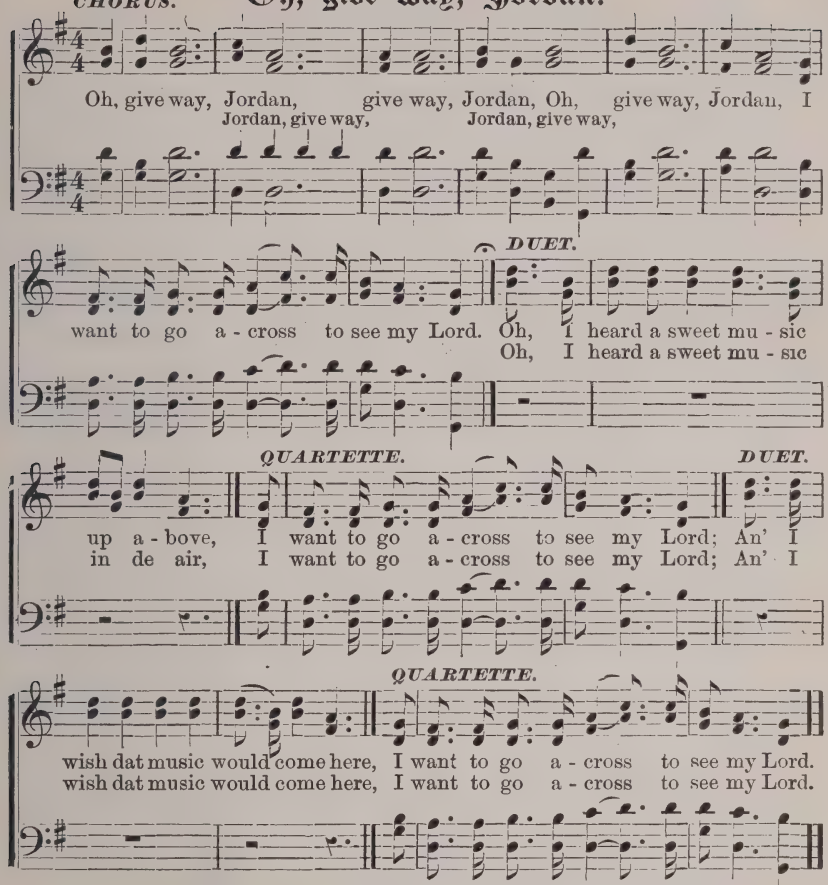
3.

We're told dat de fore-wheel run by love,
One more, &c.,
We're told dat de hind wheel run by faith,
One more, &c.,
I hope I shall get dere bimeby,
One more, &c.,
To jine de number in de sky,
One more, &c.
CHO.—Oh, wasn't dat a wide riber? &c.

4.

Oh, one more riber we hab to cross,
One more, &c.,
'Tis Jordan's riber we hab to cross,
One more, &c.,
Oh, Jordan's riber am chilly an' cold,
One more, &c.,
But I got de glory in-a my soul,
One more. &c.
CHO.—Oh, wasn't dat a wide riber? &c.

Oh, give way, Jordan.



2.

Oh, stow back, stow back de powers of hell,
I want to go across to see my Lord,
And let God's children take de field,
I want to go across to see my Lord.
Now stan' back Satan, let me go by,
I want to go across, &c.,
Gwine to serve my Jesus till I die,
I want to go across, &c.—Cho.

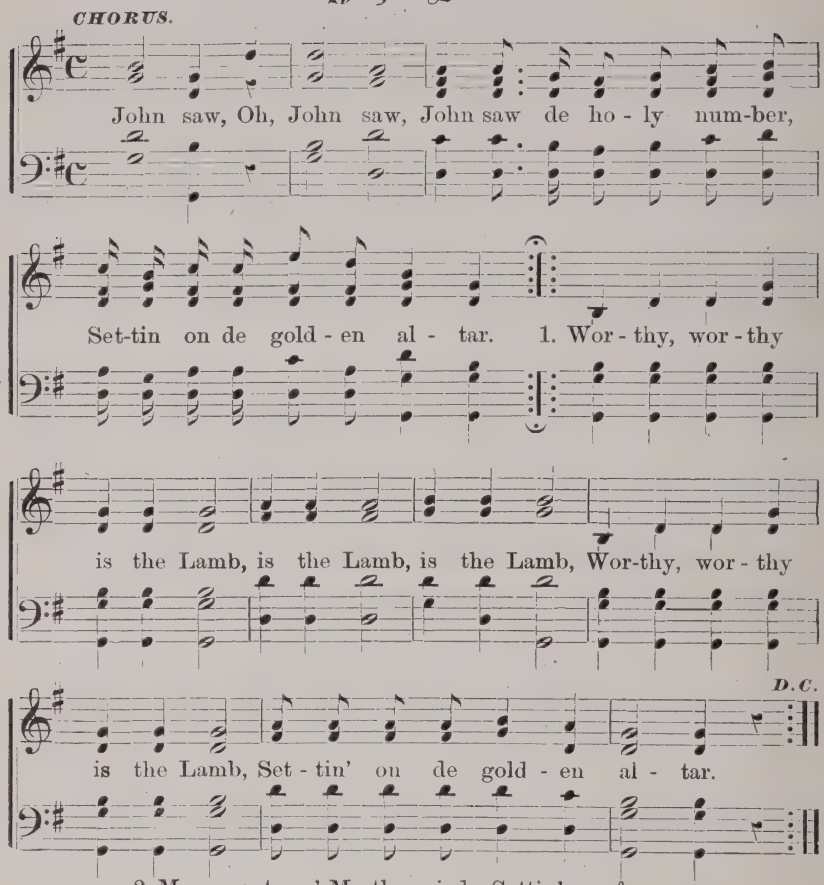
3.

Soon in de mornin' by de break ob day,
I want to go across, &c.,
See de ole ship ob Zion sailin' away,
I want to go across, &c.,
Now I must go across, an' I shall go across,
I want to go across, &c.,
Dis sinful world I count but dross,
I want to go across, &c.—Cho.

4.

Oh, I heard such a lumbering in de sky,
I want to go across, &c.,
It make a-me t'ink my time was nigh,
I want to go across, &c.,
Yes, it must be my Jesus in de cloud,
I want to go across, &c.,
I nebber heard him speak so loud,
I want to go across, &c.—Cho.

John Saw.



2 Mary wept, an' Martha cried—Settin' on, &c.
To see de'r Saviour crucified—Settin' on, &c.
Weepin' Mary, weep no more—Settin' on, &c.
Jesus say He gone before—Settin' on, &c.
Cho.—John saw, &c.

3 Want to go to hebben when I die—Settin' on, &c.
Shout salvation as I fly—Settin' on, &c.
It's a little while longer here below—Settin' on, &c.
Den-a home to glory we shall go—Settin' on, &c.
Cho.—John saw, &c.

King Emanuel.

1. Oh, who do you call de King E-man-u - el; I call my Je - sus

CHORUS.

King E-man - u - el. Oh de King E - man - u - el is a

might-y 'man-u - el; I call my Je - sus King Eman - u - el.

2 Oh, some call Him Jesus; but I call Him Lord,
I call my Jesus King Emanuel;
Let's talk about de hebben, an' de hebben's fine t'ings.
I call my Jesus King Emanuel.
Cho.—Oh de King Emanuel, &c.

3 Oh steady, steady, a little while;
I call my Jesus King Emanuel;
I will tell you what my Lord done for me;
I call my Jesus King Emanuel.
Cho.—Oh de King Emanuel, &c.

4 He pluck-a my feet out de miry clay;
I call my Jesus King Emanuel;
He sot dem a-on de firm Rock o' Age;
I call my Jesus King Emanuel.
Cho.—Oh de King Emanuel, &c.

De ole Sheep done know de Road.

CHORUS.

Oh de ole sheep done know de road, De ole sheep done know de road, De

Fine.

ole sheep done know de road. De young lambs mus' find de way.

Oh, soon-er in de mornin' when I rise, De young lambs mus' find de way.
My brudder aint ye got yer counts all sealed, De young lambs, &c.

D.C. dal Cho.

Wid crosses an' tri-als on eb-ry side, De young lambs mus' find de way.
You'd bet-ter go get em 'fore ye leave dis field, De young lambs. &c.

2 Oh, shout my sister, for you are free, De young lambs, &c.,
For Christ hab bought your liberty, De young lambs, &c.,
I raly do believe widout one doubt, De young lambs, &c.,
Dat de Christian hab a mighty right to shout, De young lambs, &c.
Cho.—Oh, de ole sheep, &c.

3 My brudder, better mind how you walk on de cross, De young lambs, &c.,
For your foot might slip, an' yer soul git lost, De young lambs, &c.,
Better mind dat sun, and see how she run, De young lambs, &c.,
An' mind don't let her catch ye wid yer works undone, De young lambs, &c.
Cho.—Oh, de ole sheep, &c.

De Church of God.

De church of God ..... dat sound so sweet, De

De church of God..... dat sound so sweet, De

1st. 2d.

church, de church of God..... God, dat sound so sweet.

God..... God, so sweet.

church of God, de church of God, Dat sound so sweet, God, dat sound so sweet.

QUARTETTE.

Oh, look up yan - - der what I see..... Bright

Look up yan - - - der, what I see, Bright

1st. 2d. *D. C.*

an - gels com - in' ar - ter me..... me. ar - ter me.

an - gels com - in ar - ter me. ar - ter me.

2.

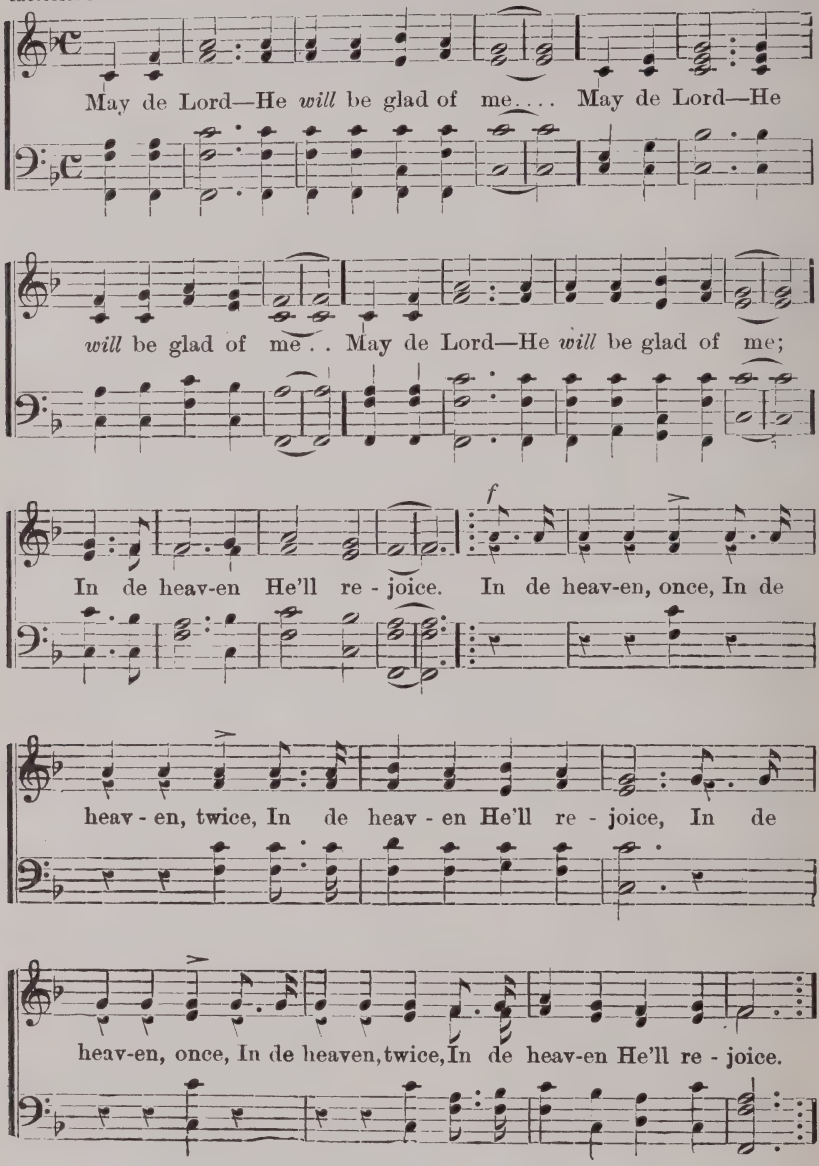
Oh, Jesus tole you once before,
To go in peace an' sin no more;
Oh, Paul an' Silas bound in jail,
Den one did sing, an' de oder pray.
Cho.—De church ob God, &c.

3.

Oh, did you hear my Jesus say
"Come unto me, I am de way;"
Oh, come along, Moses, don't get lost,
Oh, stretch your rod, an' come across
Cho.—De church ob God, &c.

Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard.

This peculiar but beautiful medley was a great favorite among the hands in the tobacco factories in Danville, Va.



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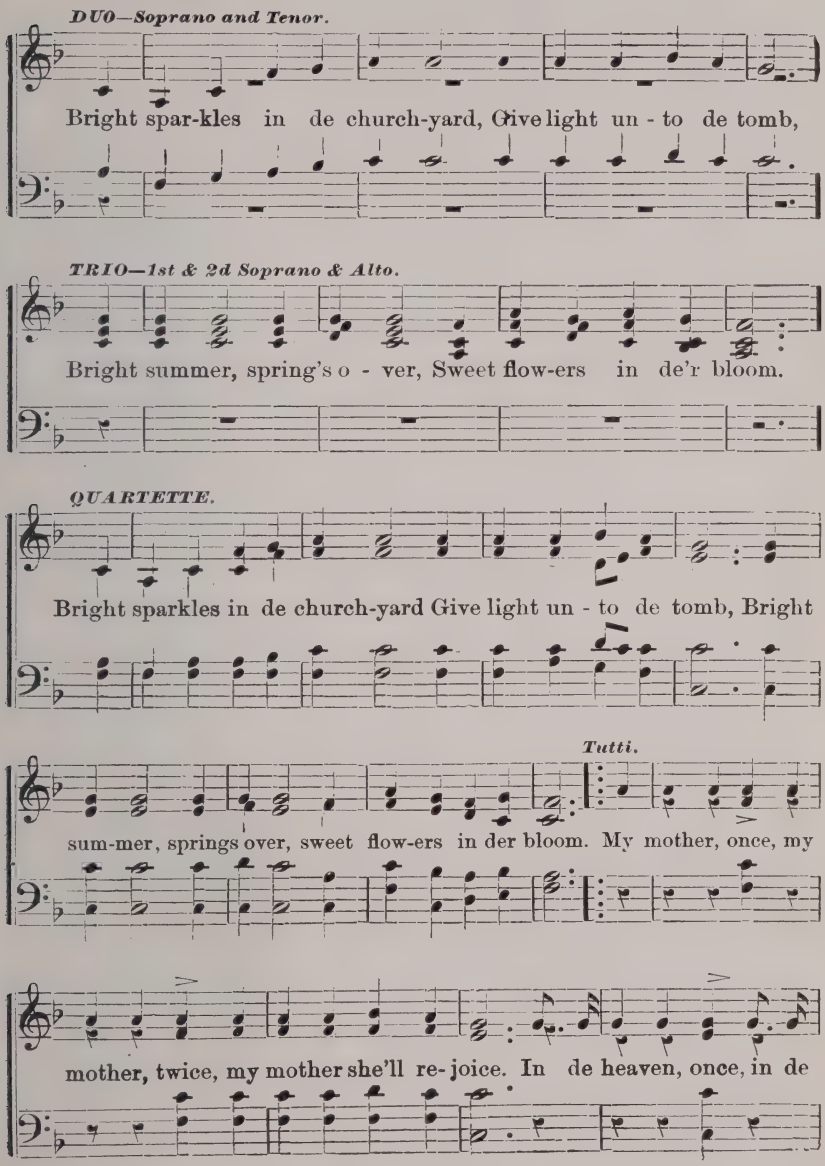

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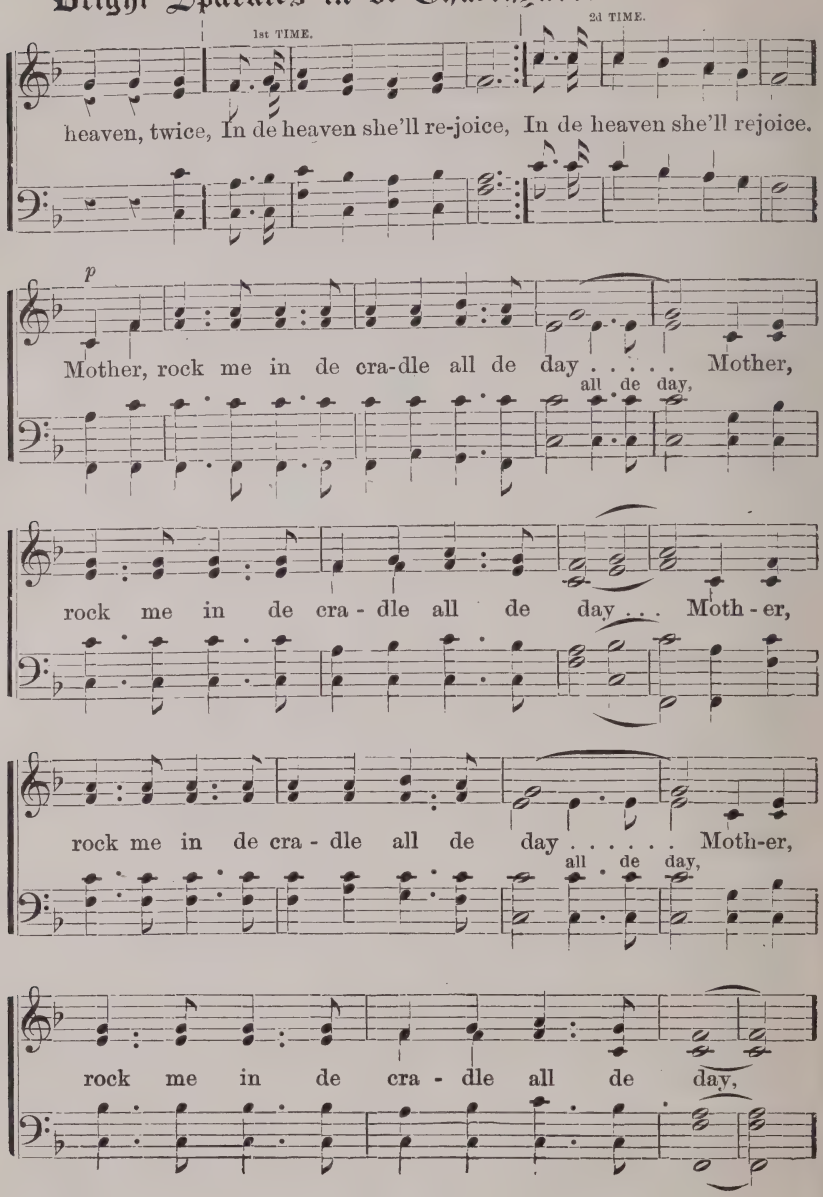

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QUARTETTE.

All de day,..... all de day,..... Oh,
all de day, all de day,

rock me in de cra-dle all de day.... all de
all de day.....

day, all de day, Oh, rock me in de
..... all the day,.....

cra-dle all de day. Oh, moth-er, don't ye love yer dar-lin'

child, Oh, rock me in de cra-dle all de day.... Oh,

Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard.—*Continued.*

moth-er, don't ye love yer dar - lin child? Oh, rock me in de

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cra - dle all de day....Mother, rock me in de cra - dle,

Moth-er, rock me in the cra - dle, moth-er,

rock me in de cra - dle, rock me in de cra - dle all de

rock me in de cra - dle, mother,

1*st* 2*d* *QUARTETTE*

day.... mother, day. All de day..... all de day.....

all de day, all de

..... Oh, rock me in de cra - dle all de day.....

day,

Bright Sparkles in de Churchyard.—*Concluded.*

all de day, all de day, all de day, all de day..... all de day..... Oh,

rock me in de cra - dle all de day. You may

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lay me down to sleep, my mother dear, Oh, rock me in de cradle all de

day, ... You may lay me down to sleep, my moth - er

Dim - in - u - en - do.

dear, Oh, rock me in de cra - dle all de day. . .

Judgment Day is a-rollin' around.

CHO.

Judgment, Judgment, Judgment day is a - roll - in' a-round,

Judgment, Judgment, Oh, how I long to go.

SOLO.

I've a good ole mud-der in de heav - en, my Lord,
I've a good ole fa - der in de heav - en, my Lord,

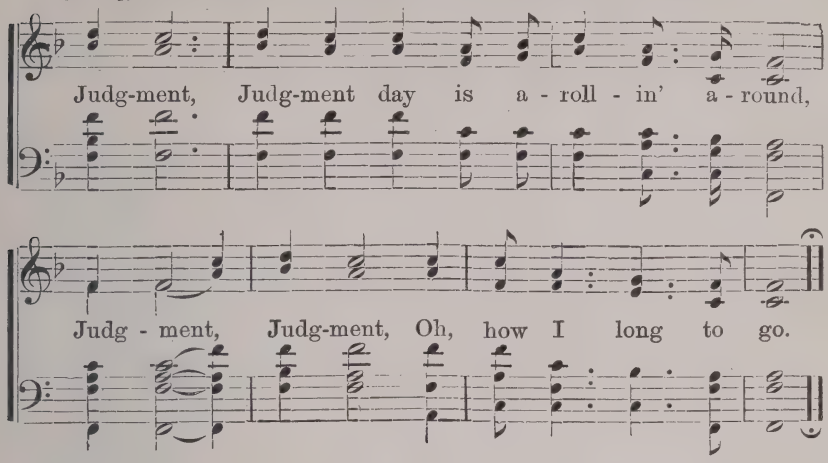
TUTTI.

Oh, how I long to go dere too; I've a good ole mudder in de
Oh, how I long to go dere too; I've a good ole fa - der in de

TUTTI.

heav-en, my Lord, Oh, how I long to go. Judg - ment,
heav-en, my Lord, Oh, how I long to go.

Judgment Day is a-rollin' around.—*Concluded.*



2.

Dar's a long white robe in de heaven for me,
Oh, how I long to go dere too;
Dar's a starry crown in de heaven for me,
Oh, how I long to go.
My name is written in de book ob life,
Oh, how I long to go dere too,
Ef you look in de book you'll fin'em dar,
Oh, how I long to go.

3.

Brudder Moses gone to de kingdom, Lord,
Oh, how I long to go dere too;
Sister Mary gone to de kingdom, Lord,
Oh, how I long to go.
Dar's no more slave in de kingdom, Lord,
Oh, how I long to go dere too,
All is glory in de kingdom, Lord,
Oh, how I long to go.

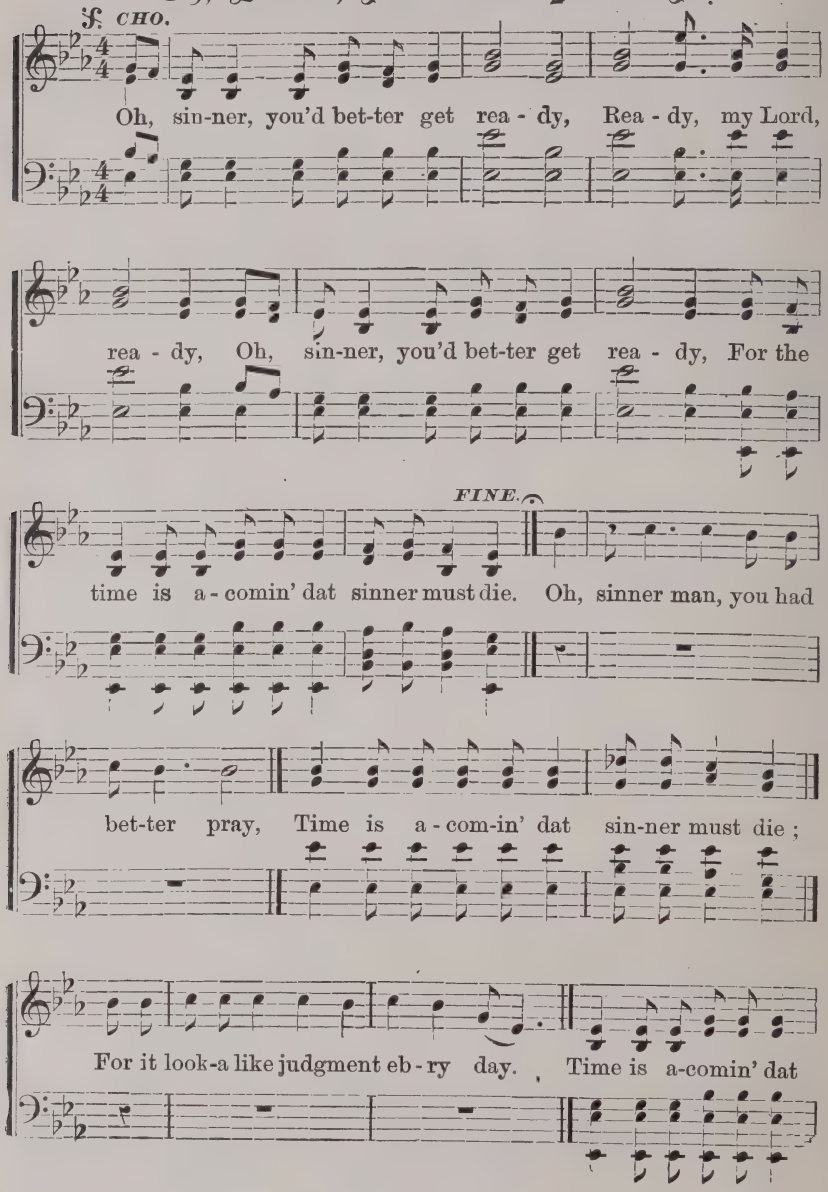
4.

My brudder build a house in Paradise,
Oh, how I long to go dere too;
He built it by dat ribber of life,
Oh, how I long to go.
Dar's a big camp meetin' in de kingdom, Lord,
Oh, how I long to go dere too,
Come, let us jine dat a heavenly crew,
Oh, how I long to go.

5.

King Jesus sittin' in de kingdom, Lord,
Oh, how I long to go dere too;
De angels singin' all round de trone,
Oh, how I long to go.
De trumpet sound de Jubilo,
Oh, how I long to go dere too,
I hope dat trump will blow me home,
Oh, how I long to go.

Oh, Sinner, you'd better get ready.



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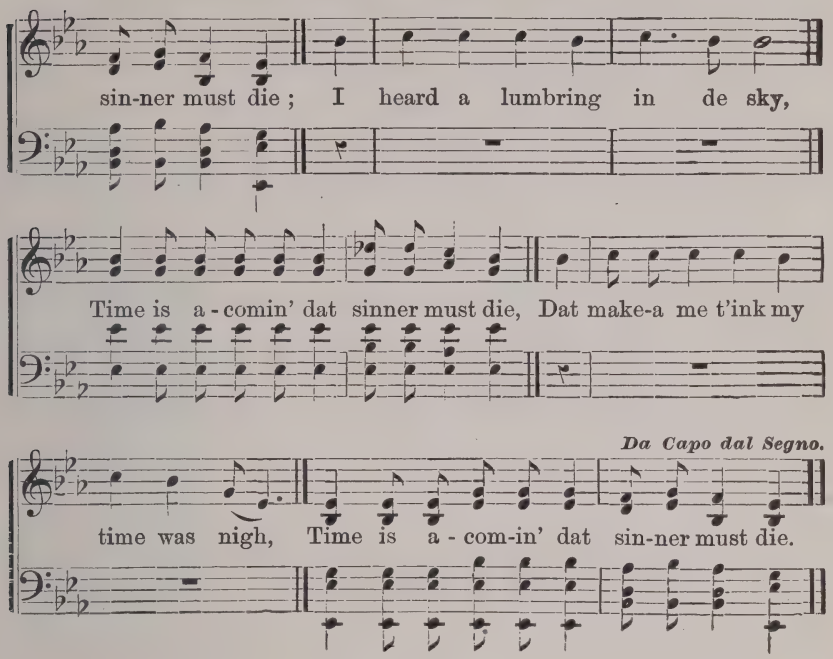


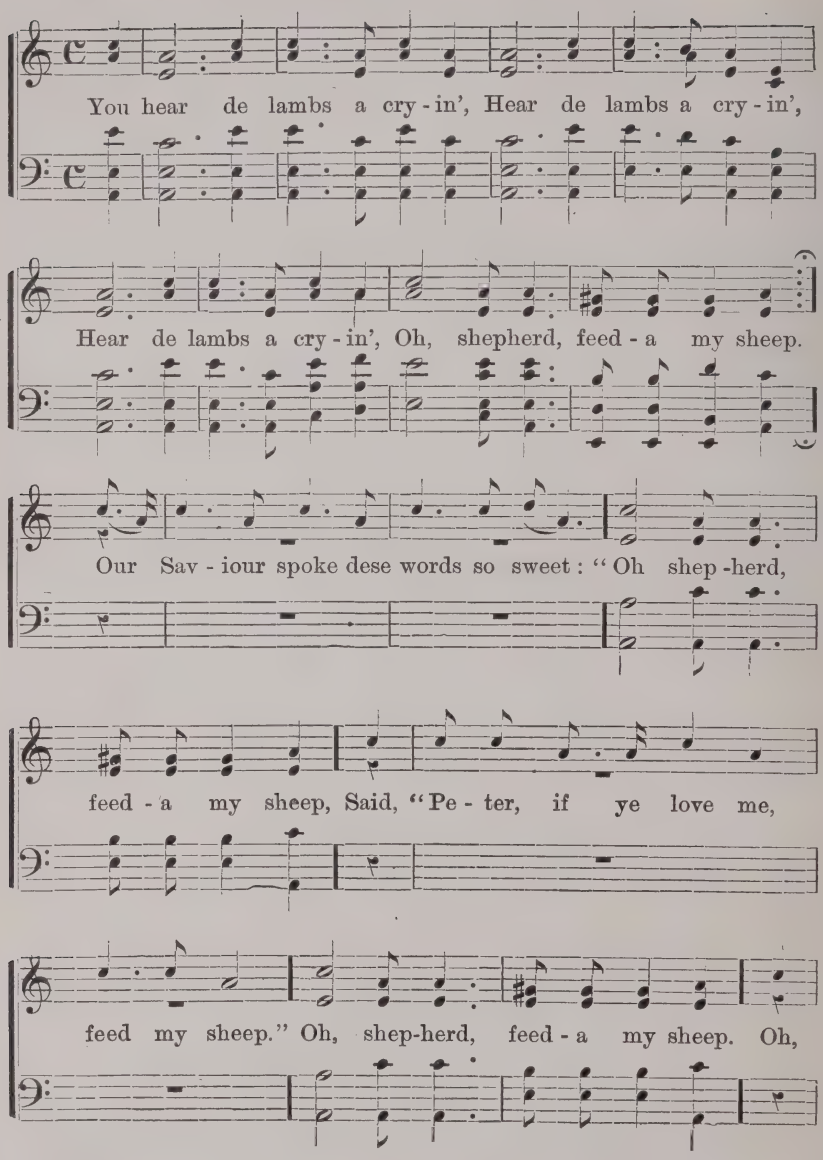
2.

I heard of my Jesus a many one say—
  Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
Could 'move poor sinner's sins away—
  Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
Yes, I'd rather a pray myself away—
  Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
Dan to lie in hell an' burn a-one day—
  Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
CHO.—Oh, sinner, you'd better get ready, &c.

3.

I think I heard a my mother say—
  Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
'Twas a pretty thing a to serve de Lord—
  Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
Oh, when I get to Heaven I'll be able for to tell—
  Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die,
Oh, how I shun dat dismal hell—
  Time is a-comin' dat sinner must die.
CHO.—Oh, sinner, you'd better get ready, &c.

Hear de Lambs a Cryin'.



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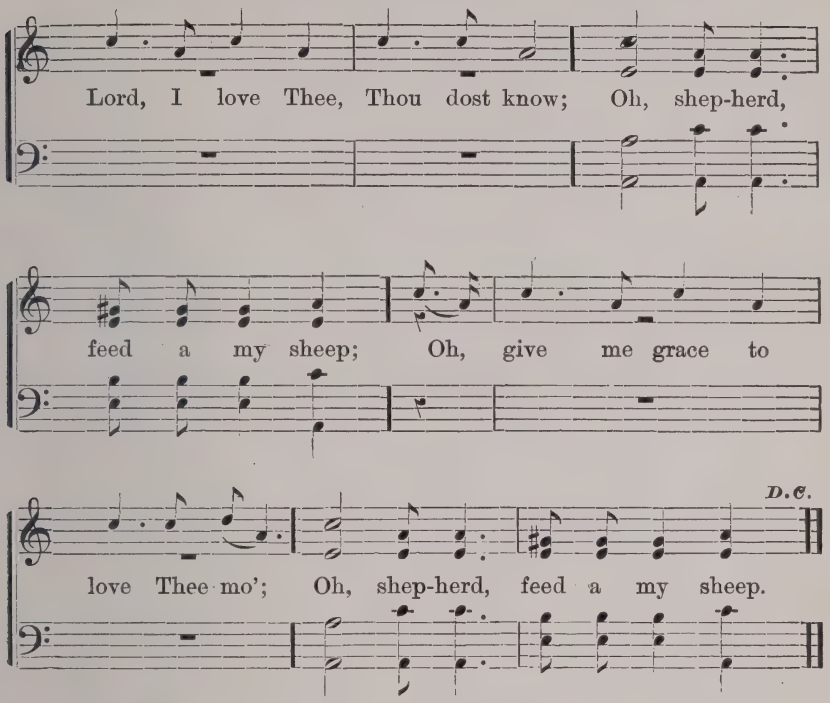


2 I don' know what you want to stay here for, Oh, shepherd, &c.,
For dis vain world's no friend to grace, Oh, shepherd, &c.,
If I only had wings like Noah's dove, Oh, shepherd, &c.,
I'd fly away to de heavens above, Oh, shepherd, &c.
Cho.—You hear de lambs crying, &c.

3 When I am in an agony, Oh, shepherd, &c.,
When you see me, pity me, Oh, shepherd, &c.,
For I am a pilgrim travellin' on, Oh, shepherd, &c.,
De lonesome road where Jesus gone, Oh, shepherd, &c.
Cho.—You hear de lambs a-crying, &c.

4 Oh, see my Jesus hanging high, Oh, shepherd. &c.,
He looked so pale an' bled so free, Oh, shepherd, &c.,
Oh, don't you think it was a shame, Oh, shepherd, &c.,
He hung three hours in dreadful pain, Oh, shepherd, &c.
Cho.—You hear de lambs a-crying, &c.

Rise and Shine.

CHORUS.

Oh, rise an' shine, an' give God de glo - ry, glo - ry, Rise an'

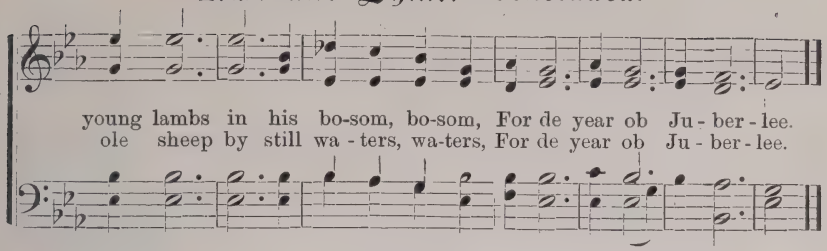
shine, an' give God de glo - ry, glo - ry, Rise an' shine, an'

give God de glo - ry, glo - ry for de year of Ju - ber - lee.

Je - sus car - ry de young lambs in his bo - som, bo - som,
Je - sus lead de ole sheep by still wa - ters, wa - ters,

Car - ry de young lambs in his bo - som, bo - som, Car - ry de
Lead de ole sheep by still wa - ters, wa - ters, Lead de

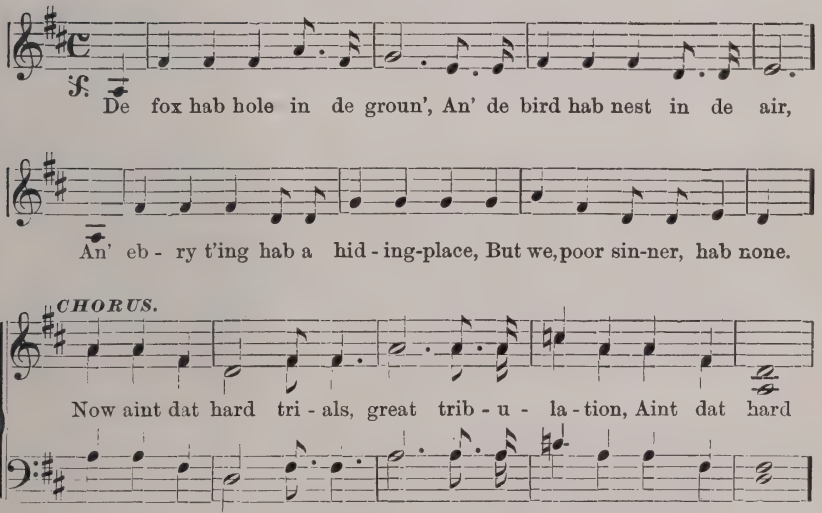
Rise and Shine.—*Concluded.*



2 Oh, come on, mourners, get you ready, ready,
Come on, mourners, get you ready, ready, (*bis*),
For de year ob jubilee;
You may keep your lamps trimmed an' burning, burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed an' burning, burning, (*bis*),
For de year ob jubilee.
Cho.—Oh, rise an' shine, &c.

3 Oh, come on, children, don't be weary, weary,
Come on, children, don't be weary, weary, (*bis*),
For de year ob jubilee;
Oh, don't you hear dem bells a-ringin', ringin',
Don't you hear dem bells a-ringin', ringin', (*bis*),
For de year ob jubilee.
Cho.—Oh, rise an' shine, &c.

Hard Trials.



Hard Trials.—*Concluded.*

tri - als I'm boun' to leabe dis world. 1. Bap-tist, Bap-tist is my name,
2. Methodist, Methodist is my name,
3. Presbyterian, Presbyterian, &c.

Bap - tist till I die, I'll be baptize in de Bap - tist name, An' I'll
Metho-dist till I die, I'll be baptize in de Methodist name, An' I'll
Presbyterian till, &c. Presbyterian name, &c.

D.S. Cho. al Fine.

lib on de Bap - tist side. 4. You may go dis - a way, You may
lib on de Methodist side.
lib on de Presbyterian side.

go dat - a way, You may go from do' to do', But ef you

hab-n't got de grace ob God in you heart, De deb - il will get you sho'.

5. Now while we are march-in a - long dis dread - ful road,

D.C. dal Cho.

You had bet - ter stop your dif - fer - ent names, An'

Most Done Trabelling.

Oh, my mudder's in de road, Most done trabelling; My mudder's in de road,

Most done tra-bel-ling, My mudder's in de road, Most done trabelling. I'm

CHO.

bound to car-ry my soul to de Lord. I'm bound to car-ry my

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soul to my Je-sus, I'm bound to car-ry my soul to de Lord; Lord.

2.

Oh, my sister's in de road,
Most done trabelling,
My sister's in de road, } (*bis*)
Most done trabelling.
Cho.—I'm bound to carry, &c.

3.

Oh, my brudder's in de road,
Most done trabelling,
My brudder's in de road, } (*bis*)
Most done trabelling.
Cho.—I'm bound to carry, &c.

4.

Oh, de preacher's in de road,
Most done trabelling,
De preacher's in de road, } (*bis*)
Most done trabelling.
Cho.—I'm bound to carry, &c.

5.

All de member's in de road,
Most done trabelling,
De members' in de road, } (*bis*)
Most done trabelling.
Cho. —I'm bound to carry, &c.

Gwine up.

CHO.

Oh, yes, I'm gwine up, gwine up, gwine all de way, Lord, Gwine up,

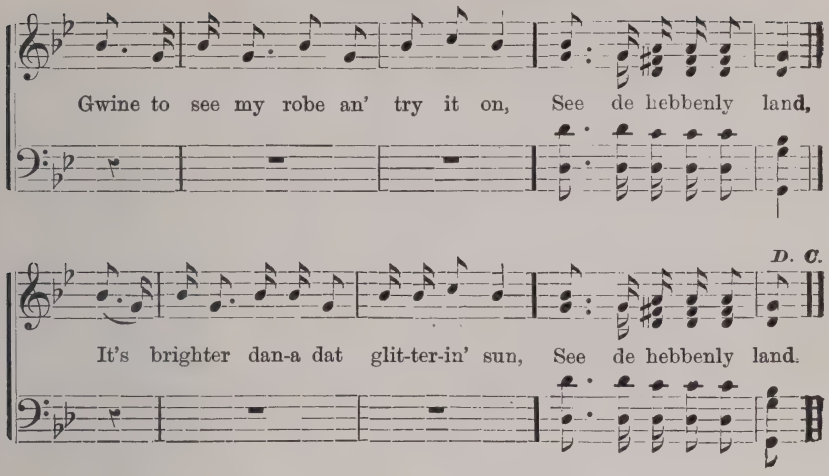
gwine up to see de hebbenly land, Oh, yes, I'm gwine up, gwine up,

gwine all de way, Lord, Gwine up, gwine up to see de hebbenly land.

Oh, saints an' sin-ners will-a you go, see de hebbenly land,

I'm a gwine up to heaven for to see my robe, See de hebbenly land,

Gwine up.—*Concluded.*



2.

I'm a gwine to keep a climbin' high—
  See de hebbenly land;
Till I meet dem-er angels in-a de sky—
  See de hebbenly lan'.
Dem pooty angels I shall see—
  See de hebbenly lan';
Why don't de debbil let-a me be—
  See de hebbenly lan'.
Cho.—Oh yes, I'm gwine up, &c.

3.

I tell you what I like-a de best—
  See de hebbenly lan';
It is dem-a shoutin' Methodess—
  See de hebbenly lan';
We shout so loud de debbil look—
  See de hebbenly lan';
An' he gets away wid his cluvven foot—
  See de hebbenly lan'.
Cho.—Oh, yes, I'm gwine up, &c.

I hope my Mother will be there.

This was sung by the hands in Mayo's Tobacco Factory, Richmond, and is really called "The Mayo Boys' Song."

1st.

I hope my moth-er will be there, In that beauti - ful world on high.
That used to join with me in pray'r, In that beauti - ful world on high.

2d. *CHO.*

high. Oh, I will be there..... Oh I will be there.....

will be there. will be there.

With the palms of vic - to - ry, crowns of glo - ry you

shall wear In that beau - ti - ful world on high.

2 I hope my sister will be there.
In that beautiful world on high,
That used to join with me in prayer,
In that beautiful world on high.
CHO.—Oh, I will be there, &c.

3 I hope my brother will be there,
In that beautiful world on high.
That used to join with me in prayer,
In that beautiful world on high.
CHO.—Oh, I will be there, &c.

4 I know my Saviour will be there,
In that beautiful world on high,
That used to listen to my prayer,
In that beautiful world on high.
CHO.—Oh, I will be there, &c.

Oh, de Hebben is Shinin'.

CHORUS.

Oh de heb-ben is shi - nin', shi - nin', O Lord, de heb-ben is shi-nin'
full ob love. Oh, Fare-you-well, friends, I'm gwine to tell you all: De
Oh, when I build a my tent a - gin', De
heb - ben is shi - nin' full ob love; Gwine to leave you all a - mine
heb - ben is shi - nin' full ob love; Build it so ole Sa - tan he
eyes to close; De heb - ben is shi - nin' full ob love.
can't get in; De heb - ben, &c.

2 Death say, "I come on a-dat hebbenly 'cree; De hebben is, &c.
My warrant's for to summage thee; De hebben is, &c.
An' whedder thou prepared or no; De hebben is, &c.
Dis very day He say you must go;" De hebben is, &c.—*Cho.*

3 Oh, ghastly Death, wouldst thou prevail; De hebben is, &c.
Oh, spare me yet anoder day; De hebben is, &c.
I'm but a flower in my bloom; De hebben is, &c.
Why wilt thou cut-a me down so soon? De hebben is, &c.—*Cho.*

4 Oh, if I had-a my time agin; De hebben is, &c.
I would hate dat road-a dat leads to sin; De hebben is, &c.
An' to my God a-wid earnest pray; De hebben is, &c.
An' wrastle until de break o' day; De hebben is, &c.—*Cho.*

Who'll jine de Union.

Oh, Hal - le - lu - jah, Oh, Hal - le - lu - jah, Oh, Hal - le -

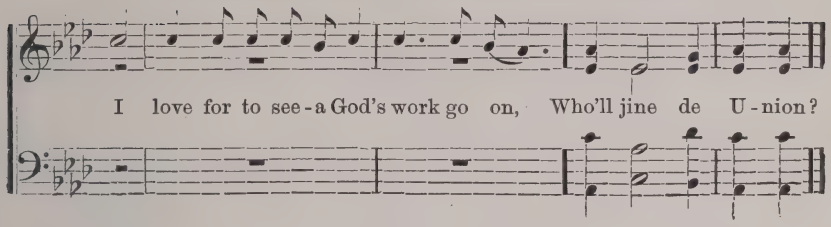
- lu - jah, Lord, Who'll jine de U - nion? My love - ly breth-er - en,

how ye do? Who'll jine de U - nion? Oh, does yer love a - con-

- tin - ue true? Who'll jine de U - nion? Eb - er

since I hab - a - been new - ly born. Who'll jine de U - nion?

Who'll jine de Union.—*Concluded.*



2.

Ef ye want to ketch-a dat hebbenly breeze,
Who'll jine de Union ?
Go down in de valley upon yer knees,
Who'll jine de Union ?
Go bend yer knees right smoove wid de groun',
Who'll jine de Union ?
An' pray to de Lord to turn you roun',
Who'll jine de Union ?
Cho.—Oh, Hallelujah, &c.

4.

Say, ef you belong to de Union ban',
Who'll jine de Union ?
Den here's my heart, an' here's my han'
Who'll jine de Union ?
I love yer all, both bond an' free,
Who'll jine de Union ?
I love you ef-a you don't love me,
Who'll jine de Union ?
Cho.—Oh, Hallelujah, &c.

3.

Now ef you want to know ob me,
Who'll jine de Union ?
Jess who I am, an' a-who I be,
Who'll jine de Union ?
I'm a chile ob God, wid my soul sot free,
Who'll jine de Union ?
For Christ hab bought my liberty,
Who'll jine de Union ?
Cho.—Oh, Hallelujah, &c.

A great Camp=meetin' in de Promised Land.

"This hymn was made by a company of Slaves, who were not allowed to sing or pray anywhere the old master could hear them; and when he died their old mistress looked on them with pity, and granted them the privilege of singing and praying in the cabins at night. Then they sang this hymn, and shouted for joy, and gave God the honor and praise." J. B. Towe.

Oh walk to - ged - der, chil-dron, Dont yer get wea - ry,
Oh talk to - ged - der, chil-dron, Dont yer get wea - ry,
Oh sing to - ged - der, chil-dron, Dont yer get wea - ry,

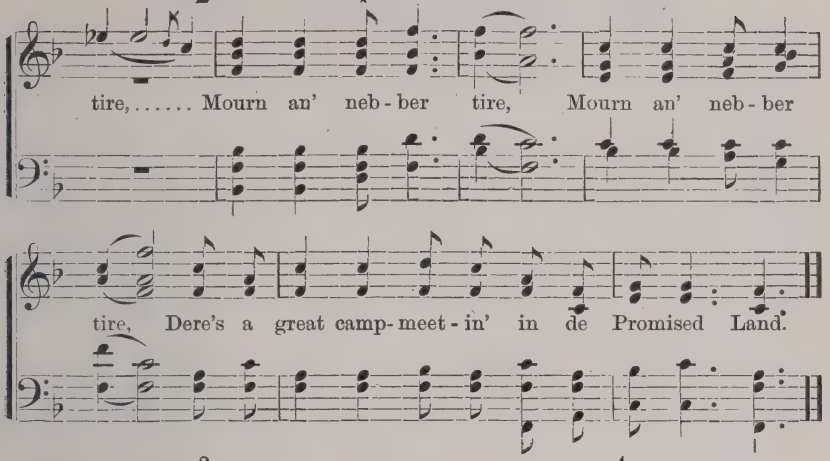
Oh

Walk to - ged - der, chil-dron, Dont yer get wea - ry,
Talk to - ged - der, chil-dron, Dont yer get wea - ry,
Sing to - ged - der, chil-dron, Dont yer get wea - ry,

Walk to - ged - der, chil-dron, Dont yer get wea - ry, Dere's a
Talk to - ged - der, chil-dron,
Sing to - ged - der, chil-dron,

great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land. Gwine to mourn an' neb-ber

A great Camp-meetin'.—*Concluded.*



2.

Oh get you ready, children, Dont you get weary,
Get you ready, children, Dont you, &c. (*bis.*
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.
For Jesus is a comin', Dont you get, &c,
Jesus is a comin', Dont you get, &c., (*bis.*
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.
Gwine to hab a happy meetin', Dont you get weary,
Hab a happy meetin', Dont you get, &c. (*bis.*
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Cho.—Gwine to pray an' nebber tire,
Pray an' nebber tire, (*bis.*)
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

3.

Gwine to hab it in hebben, Dont you, &c.
Gwine to hab it in hebben, Dont, &c. (*bis.*
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c.,
Gwine to shout in hebben, Dont you get weary,
Shout in hebben, Dont you get, &c., (*bis.*
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c.,
Oh will you go wid me, Dont you get, &c.,
Will you go wid me, Dont you get, &c., (*bis.*
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c.,

Cho.—Gwine to shout an' nebber tire,
Shout an' nebber tire, (*bis.*)
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land,

4.

Dere's a better day comin', Dont you get weary,
Better day a comin', Dont you get, &c., (*bis.*
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.
Oh slap your hands children, Dont, &c.
Slap your hands children, Dont, &c., (*bis.*
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.
Oh pat your foot children, Dont you get weary,
Pat your foot children, Dont, &c., (*bis.*)
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Cho.—Gwine to live wid God forever,
Live wid God forever, (*bis.*)
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

5.

Oh, feel de Spirit a movin', Dont you, &c.
Feel de Spirit a movin', Dont, &c., (*bis.*)
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c.
Oh now I'm gettin' happy, Dont you get weary,
Now I'm gettin' happy, Dont, &c., (*bis.*)
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c.
I feel so happy, Dont you get weary,
Feel so happy, Dont you get weary, (*bis.*)
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de, &c.

Cho.—Oh, fly an' nebber tire,
Fly an' nebber tire, (*bis.*)
Dere's a great camp-meetin' in de Promised Land.

Good news, de Chariot's comin'.

CHORUS.

Good news, de char-iot's com-in', good news, de

Good news

Good news, good news,

good news,

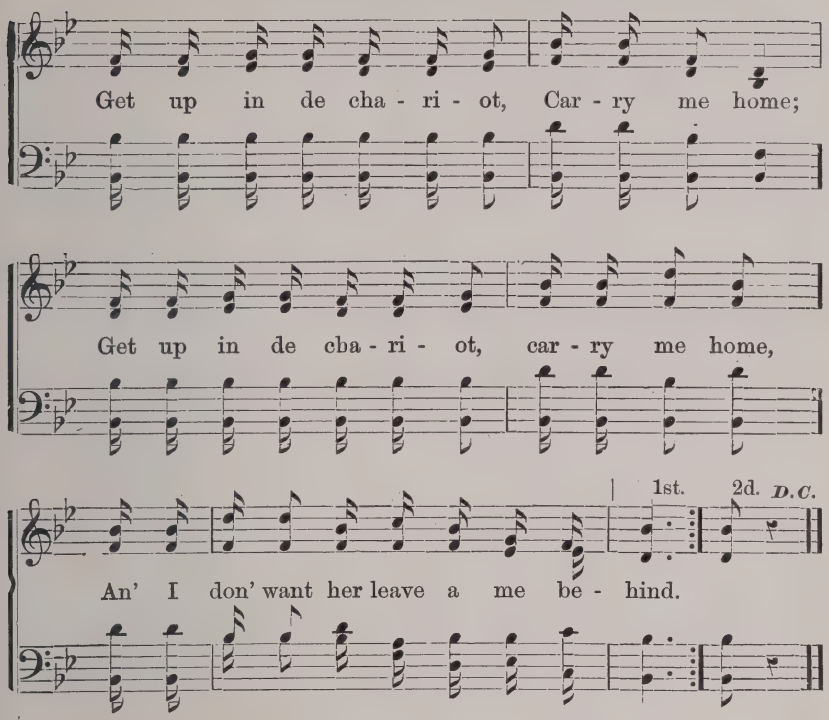
cha - riot's comin', good news, de cha - riot's com-in', I

good news,

don' want her leave a me be - hind. Gwine to

get up in de cha - ri - ot, Car - ry me home,

Good news, de Chariot's comin'.—*Concluded.*



2 Dar's a long white robe in de hebben I know,
A long white robe in de hebben, I know,
A long white robe in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
Dar's a golden crown in de hebben, I know,
A golden crown in de hebben, I know,
A golden crown in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
CHO.—Good news, de chariot's comin', &c.

3 Dar's a golden harp in de hebben, I know,
A golden harp in de hebben, I know,
A golden harp in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
Dar's silver slippers in de hebben, I know,
Silver slippers in de hebben, I know,
Silver slippers in de hebben, I know,
An' I don' want her leave-a me behind.
CHO.—Good news, de chariot's comin', &c.

Don't ye view dat ship a come a sailin'.

For 1st verse only.

Dont ye view dat ship a come a sail - in'? Hal - le - lu - jah,

Dont ye view dat ship a come a sail - in'? Dont ye

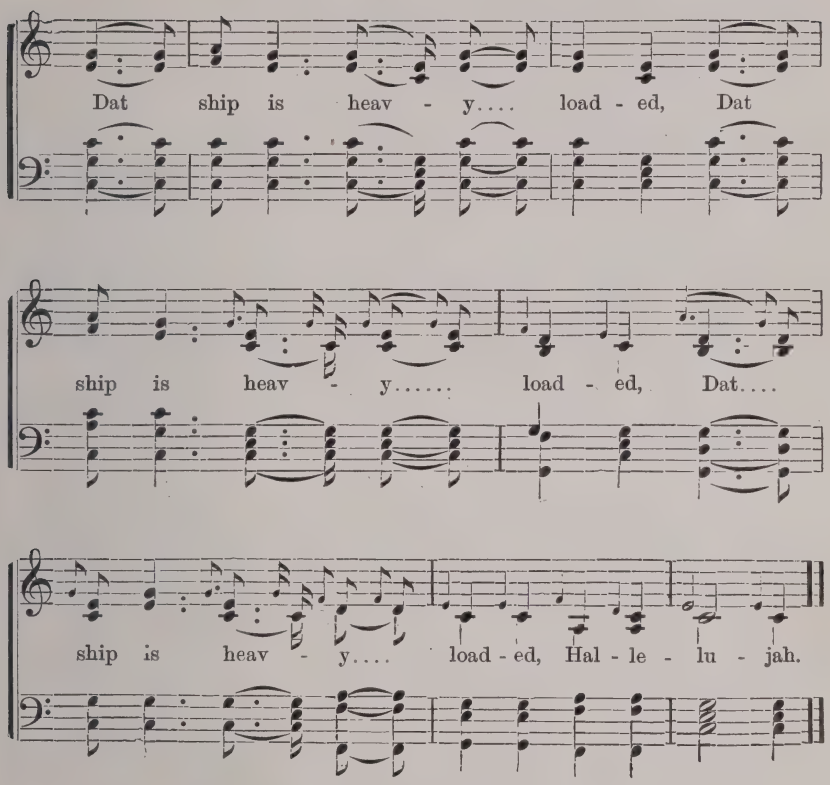
view dat ship a come a sail - in'? Dont ye

view dat ship a come a sail - in? Hal - le - lu - jah.

For 2d and all succeeding verses.

Dat ship is heav - y load - ed, Hal - le - lu - jah,

Dont ye view dat ship.—*Concluded.*



2 Dat ship is heavy loaded, Hallelujah, &c.

3 She neither reels nor totters, Hallelujah.

4 She is loaded wid-a bright angels, Hallelujah.

5 Oh, how do you know dey are angels? Hallelujah.

6 I know dem by a de'r mournin', Hallelujah.

7 Oh, yonder comes my Jesus, Hallelujah.

8 Oh, how do you know it is Jesus? Hallelujah.

9 I know him by-a his shinin', Hallelujah.

I don't feel no-ways tired.

Oh,

I am seek-in' for a ci - ty, Hal - le - lu - jah,
Oh, ... bredren, trab - bel wid me, Hal - le - lu - jah,

I am
Oh, ...

For a
Say.....

seek - in' for a cit - y, Hal - le - lu - jah,
bred - ren, trab - bel wid me? Hal - le - lu - jah,

For a
Say,.....

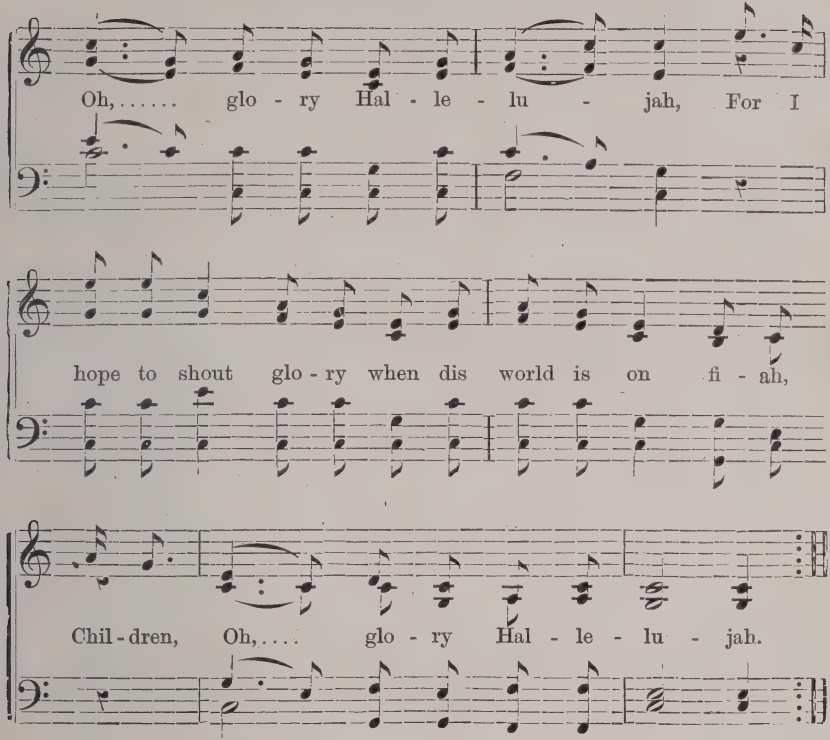
cit - y in - to de heav - en, Hal - le - lu - jah,
will you go a - long wid me? Hal - le - lu - jah,

cit - y in - to de heav - en, Hal - le lu - jah.
will you go a - long wid me? Hal - le lu - jah.

CHO.

Lord, I don't feel no - ways ti - red, Chil - dren,

I don't feel no-ways tired.—*Concluded.*



2 We will trabbel on together, Hallelujah, *(bis)*
Gwine to war agin de debbel, Hallelujah, "
Gwine to pull down Satan's kingdom, Hallelujah, "
Gwine to build up de walls o' Zion, Hallelujah. "
CHO.—Lord, I don't feel no-ways tired, &c.

3 Dere is a better day a comin', Hallelujah, *(bis)*
When I leave dis world o' sorrer, Hallelujah, "
For to jine de holy number, Hallelujah, "
Den we'll talk de trouble ober, Hallelujah. "
CHO.—Lord, I don't feel no-ways tired, &c.

4 Gwine to walk about in Zion, Hallelujah, *(bis)*
Gwine to talk a wid de angels, Hallelujah, "
Gwine to tell God 'bout my crosses, Hallelujah, "
Gwine to reign wid Him foreber, Hallelujah. "
CHO.—Lord, I don't feel no-ways tired, &c.

Did you hear my Jesus.

Ef you want to get to heb-ben, come a-long, come a-long, Ef you
Ef you want to see de an-gels, come a-long, come a-long, Ef you

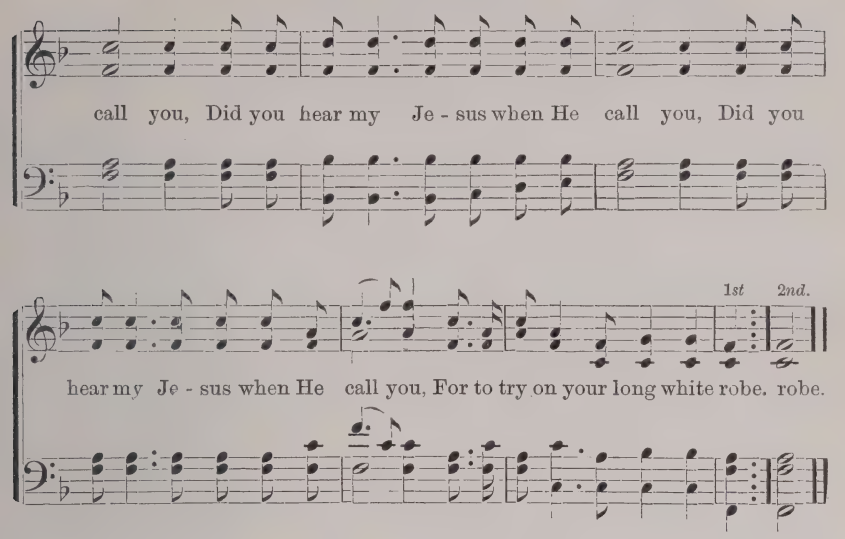
want to get to heb-ben, come a-long, come a-long, Ef you
want to see de an-gels, come a-long, come a-long, Ef you

want to go to heb-ben, come a-long, come a-long,
want to see de an-gels, come a-long, come a-long,

CHORUS.

Hear my Je-sus when He call you. Did you hear my Je-sus when He
Hear my Je-sus when He call you.

Did you hear my Jesus.—*Concluded.*



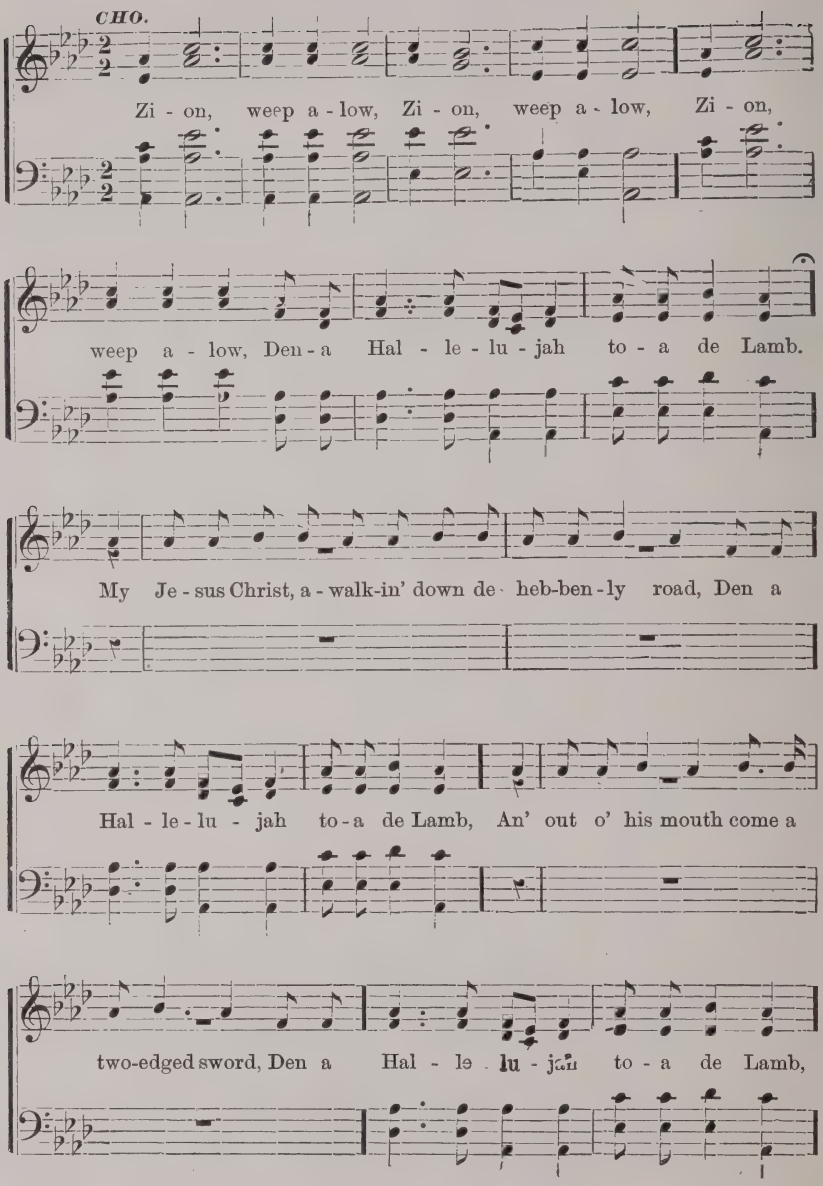
2 Oh, de hebben gates are open, come along, come along,
Oh, de hebben gates are open, come along, come along, (*bis.*,
Hear my Jesus when He call you;
Oh, my mother's in de kingdom, come along, come along,
Oh, my mother's in de kingdom, come along, come along, (*bis.*,
Hear my Jesus when He call you,
I am gwine to meet her yander, come along, come along,
I am gwine to meet her yander, come along, come along, (*bis.*,
Hear my Jesus when He call you.

Cho.—Did you hear my Jesus when he call you,
Did you hear my Jesus when he call you, (*bis,*,
For to try on your long white robe.

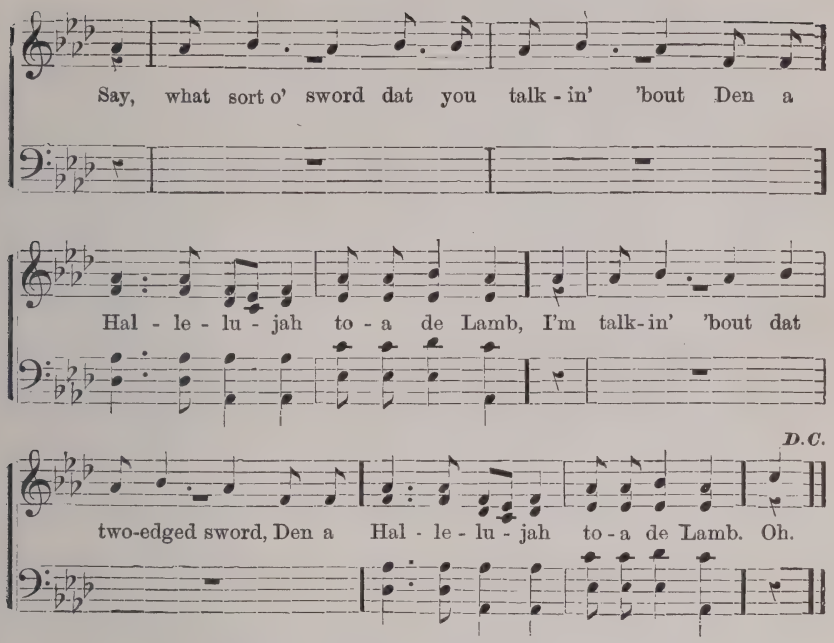
3 Ef you want to wear de slippers, come along, come along,
Ef you want to wear de slippers, come along, come along, (*bis.*,
Hear my Jesus when He call you;
Ef you want to lib forever, come along, come along,
Ef you want to lib forever, come along, come along, (*bis.*,
Hear my Jesus when He call you;
Did you hear my Jesus calling, "come along, come along,"
Did you hear my Jesus calling, "come along, come along." (*bis.*,
Hear my Jesus when He call you.

Cho.—Did you hear my Jesus when He call you,
Did you hear my Jesus when He call you, (*bis.*,
For to try on your long white robe.

Zion, weep a-low.



Zion, weep a-low.—*Concluded.*



2 Oh, look up yonder, Lord, a-what I see,
Den a Hallelujah, &c.,
Dere's a long tall angel a comin' a'ter me,
Den a Hallelujah, &c.,
Wid a palms o' vicatry in-a my hand,
Den a Hallelujah, &c.,
Wid a golden crown a-placed on-a my head,
Den a Hallelujah, &c. CHO.—Oh, Zion, weep a-low.

3 Zion been a-weepin' all o' de day,
Den a Hallelujah, &c.,
Say, come, poor sinners, come-a an' pray,
Den a Hallelujah, &c.,
Oh, Satan, like a dat huntin' dog,
Den a Hallelujah, &c.,
He hunt dem a Christian's home to God,
Den a Hallelujah, &c. CHO.—Oh, Zion, weep a-low.

4 Oh, Hebben so high, an' I so low,
Den a Hallelujah, &c.,
I don' know shall I ebber get to Hebben or no,
Den a Hallelujah, &c.,
Gwine to tell my brudder befo' I go,
Den a Hallelujah, &c.,
What a dolesome road-a I had to go,
Den a Hallelujah, &c. CHO.—Oh, Zion, weep a-low.

Sweet Canaan.

My mother used to tell me how the colored People all expected to be free some day, and how one night, a great many of them met together in a Cabin, and tied little budgets on their backs, as though they expected to go off some where, and cried, and shook hands, and sang this hymn.

ALICE DAVIS.

CHO.

Oh, de land I am bound for, Sweet Canaan's happy land I am bound for, Sweet Canaan's happy land I am bound for, Sweet Canaan's happy land, Pray,

FINE.

give me your right hand. Oh, my brother, did you come for to help me,
Oh, my sis - ter, did you come for to help me,

Oh, my brother, did you come for to help me, Oh, my brother, did you come for to help me;
Oh, my sis - ter, did you come for to help me, Oh, my sis - ter, did you come for to help me; Pray, &c.

1st. 2d. D. C.

Pray, give me your right hand, your right hand.

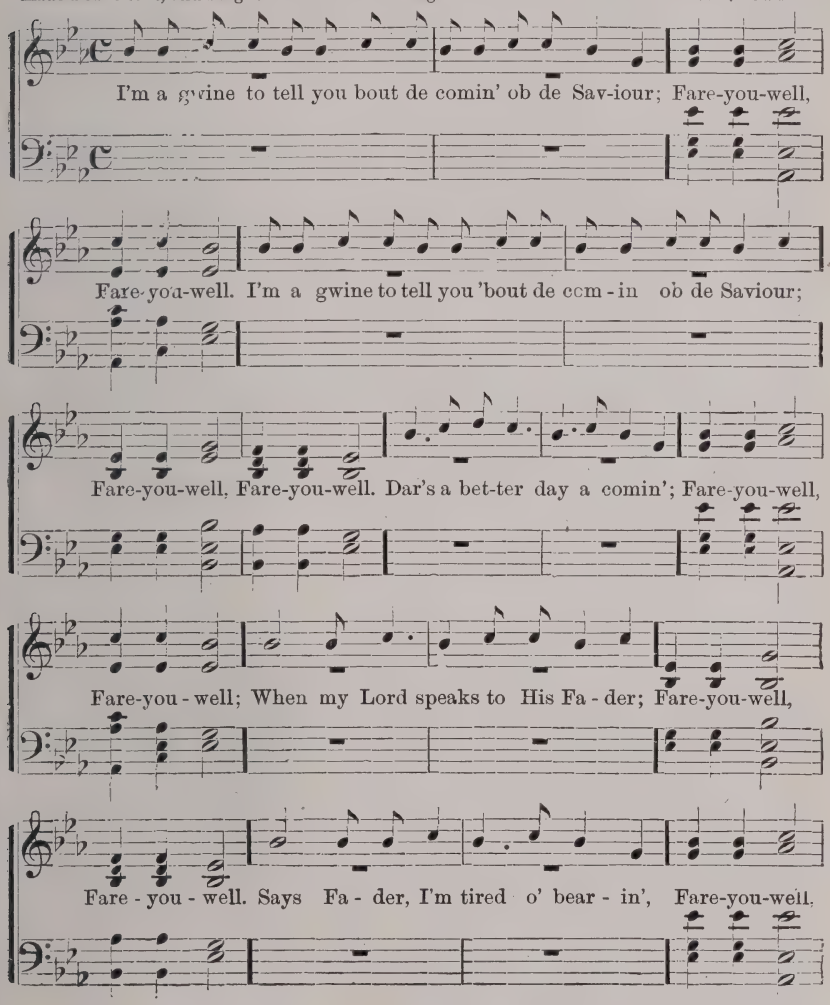
NOTE.—There is so little variety to the verses of "Sweet Canaan" that we have not thought it worth while to give them at greater length. They readily suggest themselves, and seem to be limited only by the number of the singer's relations and friends.

En dat great gittin=up Mornin'.

THIS song is a remarkable paraphrase of a portion of the Book of Revelations, and one of the finest specimens of negro "Spirituals." The student who brought it to us, and who sings the Solos, has furnished all that he can remember of the almost interminable succession of verses, which he has heard sung for half an hour at a time, by the slaves in their midnight meetings in the woods. He gives the following interesting account of its origin:

"I have heard my uncle sing this hymn, and he told me how it was made. It was made by an old slave who knew nothing about letters or figures. He could not count the number of rails that he would split when he was tasked by his master to split 150 a day. But he tried to lead a Christian life, and he dreamed of the General Judgment, and told his fellow-servants about it, and then made a tune to it, and sang it in his cabin meetings."

J. B. TOWE.



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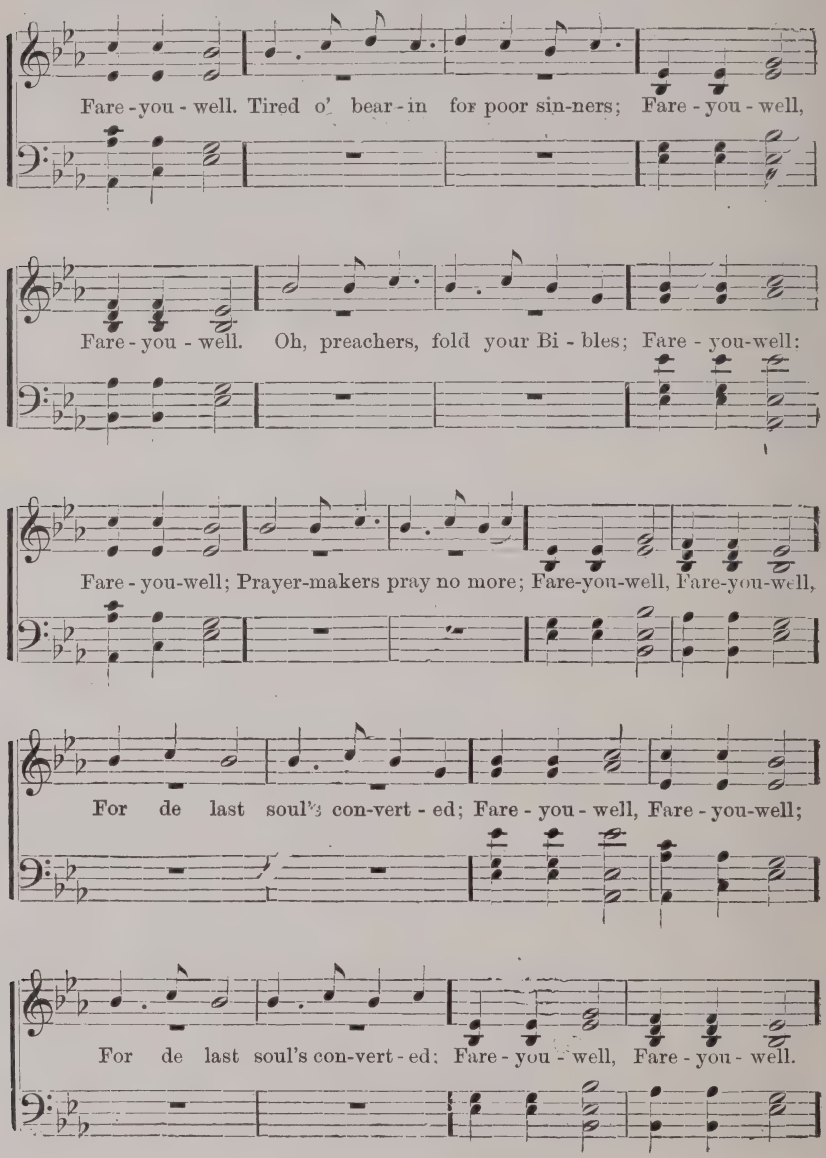
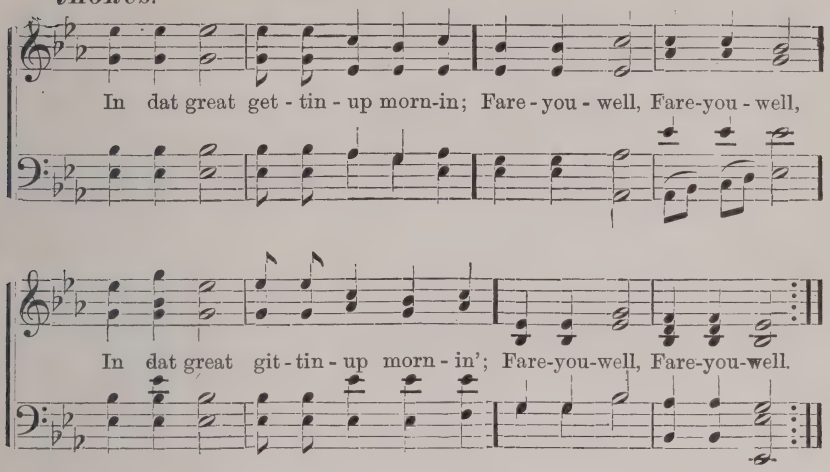


In dat great gittin-up Mornin'.—*Concluded.*

CHORUS.



2. Dere's a better day a comin',
3. When my Lord speaks to his Fader,
4. Says, Fader, I'm tired o' bearin',
5. Tired o' bearin' for poor sinners,
6. Oh preachers, fold your Bibles,
7. Prayer-makers, pray no more,
8. For de last soul's converted. (*bis*) *Cho.*

9. De Lord spoke to Gabriel.
10. Say, go look behind de altar,
11. Take down de silver trumpet,
12. Go down to de sea-side,
13. Place one foot on de dry land,
14. Place de oder on de sea,
15. Raise your hand to heaven,
16. Declare by your Maker,
17. Dat time shall be no longer. (*bis*) *Cho.*

18. Blow your trumpet, Gabriel.
19. Lord, how loud shall I blow it?
20. Blow it right calm and easy,
21. Do not alarm my people,
22. Tell dem to come to judgment. (*bis*) *Cho.*

23. Den you see de coffins bustin',
24. Den you see de Christian risin',
25. Den you see de righteous marchin',
26. Dey are marchin' home to heaven.
27. Den look upon Mount Zion,
28. You see my Jesus comin'
29. Wid all his holy angels.
30. Where you runnin', sinner?
31. Judgment day is comin'. (*bis*) *Cho.*

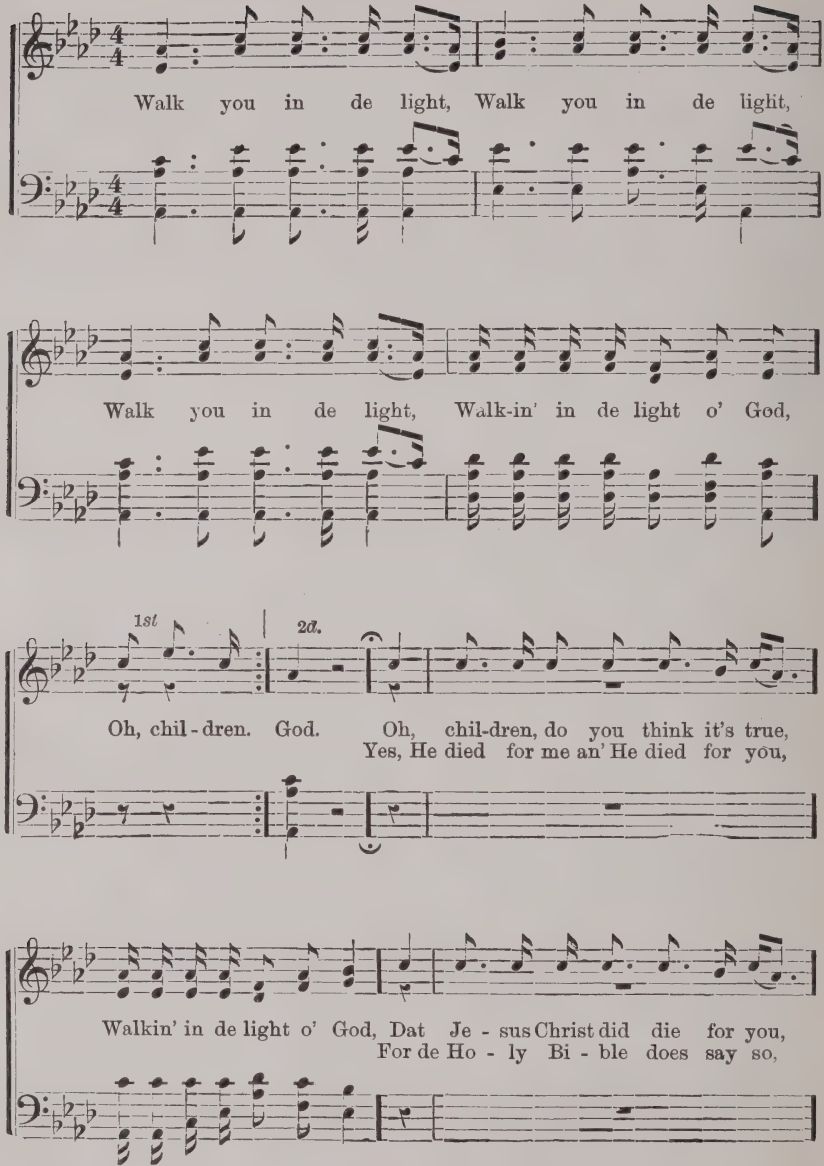
32. Gabriel, blow your trumpet,
33. Lord, how loud shall I blow it?
34. Loud as seven peals of thunder,
35. Wake de sleepin' nations.
36. Den you see poor sinners risin'.
37. See de dry bones a creepin', *Cho.*

38. Den you see de world on fire,
39. You see de moon a bleedin',
40. See de stars a fallin',
41. See de elements meltin',
42. See de forked lightnin',
43. Hear de rumblin' thunder.
44. Earth shall reel and totter,
45. Hell shall be uncapped,
46. De dragon shall be loosened.
47. Fare-you-well, poor sinner. *Cho.*

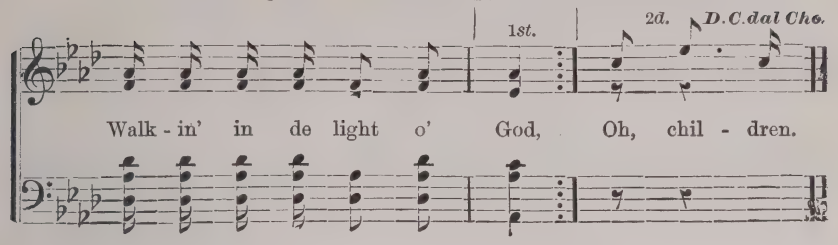
48. Den you look up in de heaven,
49. See your mother in heaven,
50. While you're doomed to destruction.
51. When de partin' word is given,
52. De Christian shouts to your ruin.
53. No mercy'll ever reach you, *Cho.*

54. Den you'll cry out for cold water,
55. While de Christian's shoutin' in glory,
56. Sayin' amen to your damnation,
57. Den you hear de sinner sayin',
58. Down I'm rollin', down I'm rollin',
59. Den de righteous housed in heaven,
60. Live wid God forever. (*bis.*) *Cho.*

Walk you in de Light.



Walk you in de Light.—*Concluded.*



2 I think I heard some children say,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
Dat dey neber heard de'r parents pray,
Walkin' in de light o' God.
Oh, parents, dat is not de way,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
But teach your children to watch an' pray,
Walkin' in de light o' God.

Cho.—Oh, parents, walk you in de light,
Walk you in de light, walk you in de light,
Walkin' in de light o' God.

3 I love to shout, I love to sing,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
I love to praise my Heavenly King,
Walkin' in de light o' God.
Oh, sisters, can't you help me sing,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
For Moses' sister did help him,
Walkin' in de light o' God.

Cho.—Oh, sisters, walk you in de light, &c.

4 Oh, de heavenly lan' so bright an' fair,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
A very few dat enter dere,
Walkin' in de light o' God.
For good Elijah did declare,
Walkin' in de light o' God,
Dat nothin' but de righteous shall go dere,
Walkin' in de light o' God.

Cho.—Oh, Christians, walk you in de light, &c.

Sweet Turtle Dove, or Jerusalem Mornin'.

pp 1st, 4th and 8th verses only.

1 Sweet tur - tle dove, she sing - a so sweet, Mud-dy de wa- ter,

so deep, An' we had a lit - tle meet - in' in de

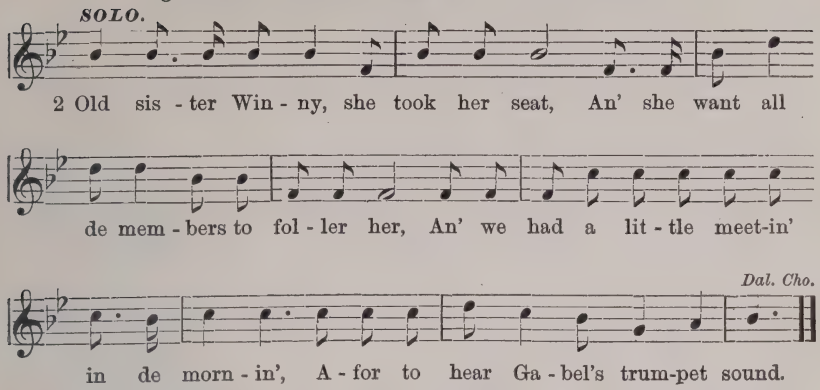
morn - in', A - for to hear Ga - bel's trum - pet sound.

CHORUS.

Je - ru - sa - lem morn - in', Je - ru - sa - lem morn - in' by de

light, Don't you hear Ga - bel's trum-pet in dat morn - in'?

Sweet Turtle Dove.—*Concluded.*



2 Ole sister Hannah, she took her seat,
An' she want all de member to foller her;
An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin',
A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
CHO.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.

3 Sweet turtle dove, she sing-a so sweet,
Muddy de water, so deep,
An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin',
A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
CHO.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.

(SOLO.) 5 Ole brudder Philip, he took his seat,
An' he want all de member to foller him,
An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin,'
A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
CHO.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.

(SOLO.) 6 Ole sister Hagar, she took her seat,
An' she want all de member to foller her,
An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin',
A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound,
CHO.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.

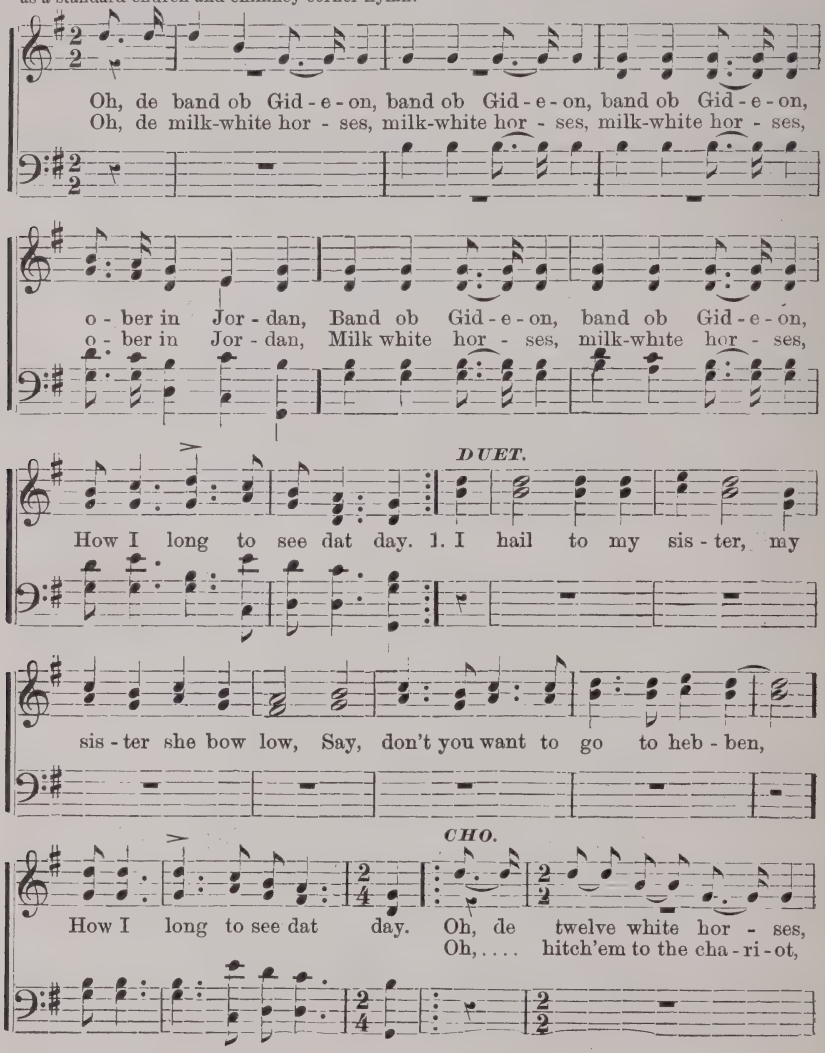
(SOLO.) 7 Ole brudder Moses took his seat,
An' he want all de member to foller him,
An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin',
A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
CHO.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.

8 Sweet turtle dove, she sing-a so sweet,
Muddy de water. so deep,
An' we had a little meetin' in de mornin'.
A-for to hear Gabel's trumpet sound.
CHO.—Jerusalem mornin', &c.

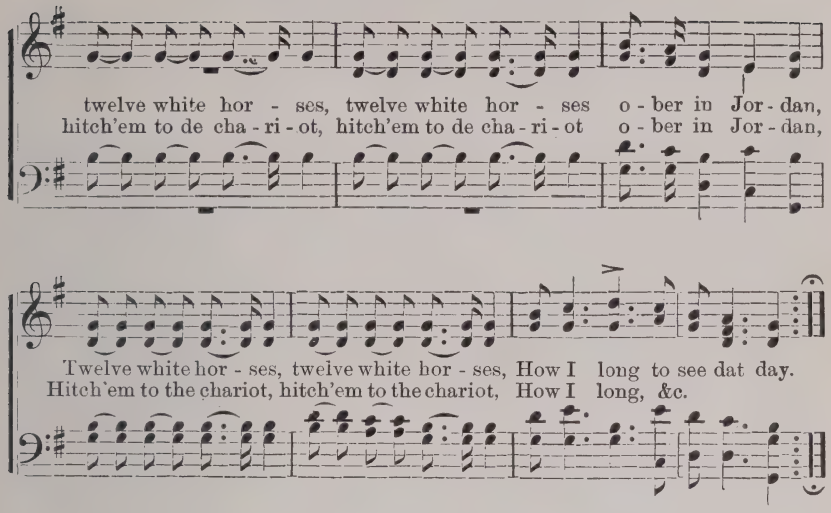
Gideon's Band; or, De milk-white Horses.

The explanation which has been given us of the origin of this curious hymn is, we think, invaluable as an example of the manner in which external facts grew to have a strange symbolical meaning in the imaginative mind of the negro race.

In a little town in one of the Southern States, a Scriptural panorama was exhibited, in which Gideon's Band held a prominent place, the leader being conspicuously mounted upon a white horse. The black people of the neighborhood crowded to see it, and suddenly, and to themselves inexplicably, this swinging "Milk-White Horses" sprang up among them, establishing itself soon as a standard church and chimney-corner hymn.



Gideon's Band.—*Concluded.*



2 Duo.—I hail to my brudder, my brudder he bow low,
Say, don't you want to go to hebben?—
How I long to see dat day!
Cho.—Oh, ride up in de chariot, ride up in de chariot,
Ride up in de chariot ober in Jordan;
Ride up in de chariot, ride up in de chariot—
How I long to see dat day!
It's a golden chariot, a golden chariot,
Golden chariot ober in Jordan;
Golden chariot, a golden chariot—
How I *long* to see dat day!

3 Duo.—I hail to de mourner, de mourner he bow low,
Say, don't you want to go to hebben?—
How I long to see dat day!
Cho.—Oh, de milk an' honey, milk an' honey,
Milk an' honey ober in Jordan;
Milk an' honey, milk an' honey—
How I long to see dat day!
Oh, de healin' water, de healin' water,
Healin' water ober in Jordan;
Healin' water, de healin' water—
How I *long* to see dat day!

De Winter'll soon be Over.

win - ter, win - ter, win - ter, win - ter,
Oh de win - ter, de win - ter, de winter'll soon be

win - ter, win - ter,
o - ber, chil - dren, de win - ter, de win - ter, de

win - ter,
win - ter'll soon be o - ber, chil - dren, de win - ter, de

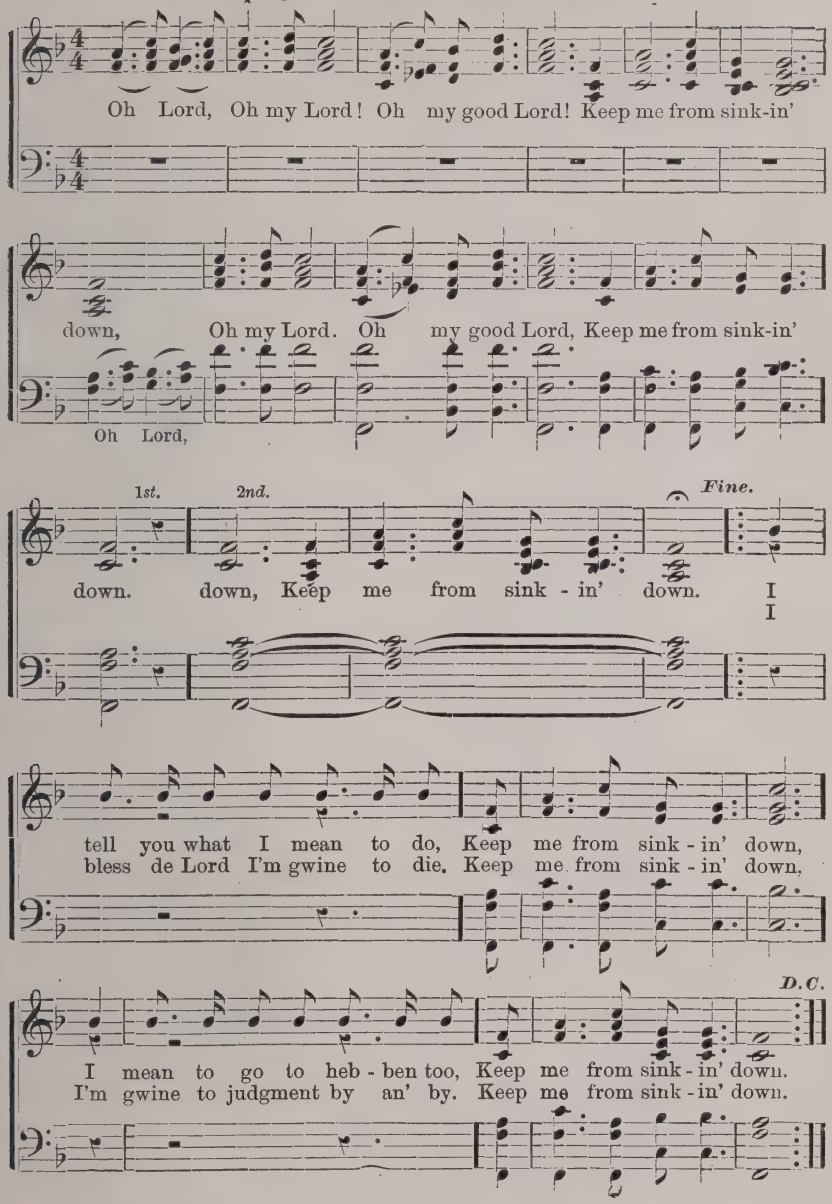
win - ter,
win - ter, de win-ter'll soon be o - ber, children, Yes, my Lord:

Oh look up yon-der what I see, Bright angels com-in' ar - ter me.

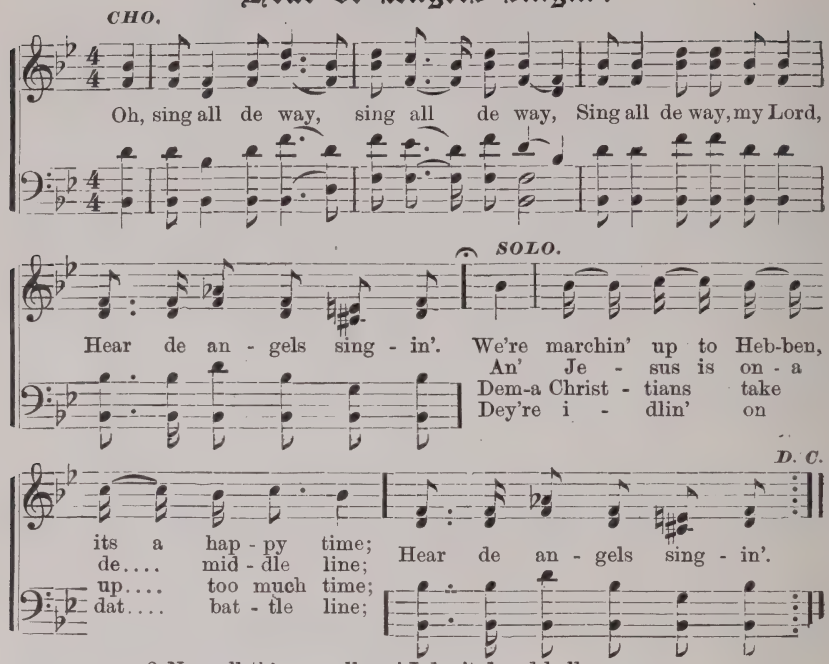
2 I turn my eyes towards de sky,
An' ask de Lord for wings to fly;
If you get dere before I do,
Look out for me I'm comin' too. *Cho.*

3 Oh Jordan's ribber is deep an' wide,
But Jesus stan' on de hebbenly side;
An' when we get on Canaan's shore,
We'll shout, an' sing forebber more. *Cho.*

Keep Me from sinkin' Down.



Hear de Angels singin'.



2 Now all things well, an' I don't dread hell;—
Hear de angels singin',
I am goin' up to Hebben, where my Jesus dwell;—
Hear de angels singin'.
For de angels are callin' me away,—
Hear de angels singin',
An' I must go, I cannot stay,—
Hear de angels singin'. CHO.—Oh, sing, &c.

3 Now take your Bible, an' read it through,—
Hear de angels singin',
An' ebery word you'll find is true;—
Hear de angels singin'.
For in dat Bible you will see,—
Hear de angels singin',
Dat Jesus died for you an' me,—
Hear de angels singin'. CHO.—Oh, sing, &c.

4 Say, if my memory sarves me right,—
Hear de angels singin',
We're sure to hab a little shout to-night,—
Hear de angels singin'.
For I love to shout, I love to sing,—
Hear de angels singin',
I love to praise my Hebbenly King,—
Hear de angels singin'. CHO.—Oh, sing, &c.

I've been a-list'ning all de Night long.

I've been a list'ning all de night long, Been a list'ning all de day, I've been a list'ning all de night long, To hear some sinner pray.

Some said that John, de Bap - tist, Was noth - in' but a Jew,

D. C.

But the Bi - ble doth in - form us Dat he was a preacher too.

2.

Go, read the fifth of Matthew,
An' a read de chapter thro',
It is de guide to Christians,
An' a tells dem what to do.
Cho.—I've been a list'ning, &c.

3.

Dere was a search in heaven,
An' a all de earth around,
John stood in sorrow hoping
Dat a Saviour might be found.
Cho.—I've been a list'ning, &c.

Babylon's Fallin'.

This is often used in Hampton as a Marching song, and is quite effective when the two hundred students are filing out of the assembly room to its spirited movement. We recommend it for similar use to Schools and Kindergartens.

Pure cit - y, Bab - y - lon's fall - in', to rise no more,

Pure cit - y, Bab - y - lon's fall - in', to rise no more.

CHORUS.

Oh, Bab - y-lon's fall-in', fall - in', fall-in', Bab-y - lon's fall-in' to

rise no more, Oh, Bab -y -lon's fall - in', fall - in', fall - in',

Bab -y -lon's fall - in' to rise no more. Oh, Je - sus tell you
If you get dere be -

Babylon's Fallin'.—*Concluded.*

once be - fore, Bab -y -lon's fall - in' to rise no more; To
fore I do, Bab -y -lon's fall - in' to rise no more; Tell

Dal Seg. Cho.

go in peacé an' sin no more; Babylon's fall in' to rise no more.
all my friends I'm comin' too; Babylon, &c.

De ole Ark a-moverin' Along.

1st.

Jes' wait a lit - tle while, I'm gwine to tell ye 'bout de ole ark,
De Lord told No - ah for to build him an [*Omit.*]

2nd.

ole ark, De ole ark a - mov - er - in', a - mov - er - in' a - long,

Oh de ole ark a - mov - er - in', a-mov - er - in', a - mov-er - in', De

De ole Ark a-moverin' Along.—*Concluded.*

Omit in the last verse,

ole ark a - mov - er - in', a - mov - er - in' a - long,

For the last verse only. *FINE.*

Ole ark a - mov - er - in', a - mov - er - in' a - long.

2 Den Noah an' his sons went to work upon de dry lan',
De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,
Dey built dat ark jes' accordin' to de comman',
De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,
Noah an' his sons went to work upon de timber,
De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,
De proud began to laugh, an' de silly point de'r finger,
De ole ark a-moverin', &c.
Cho.—De ole ark a-moverin', &c.

3 When de ark was finished jes' accordin' to de plan,
De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,
Massa Noah took in his family, both animal an' man,
De ole ark a-moverin, &c.,
When de rain began to fall an' de ark began to rise,
De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,
De wicked hung around' wid der groans an' de'r cries,
De ole ark a-moverin,' &c.
Cho.—Oh de ole ark a-moverin, &c.

4 Forty days an' forty nights, de rain it kep' a fallin',
De ole ark a-moverin', &c.
De wicked clumb de trees, an' for help dey kep' a callin',
De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,
Dat awful rain, she stopped at last, de waters dey subsided,
De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,
An' dat ole ark wid all on board on Ararat she rided,
De ole ark a-moverin', &c.,
Cho.—Oh, de ole ark a-moverin, &c.

Dust an' Ashes.

1. Dust, dust an' ash - es fly ov-er on my grave, Dust, dust an' ash-es fly
o - ver on my grave, Dust, dust an' ash - es fly o - ver on my grave,
An' de Lord shall bear my spir-it home, An' de Lord shall bear my spirit home.

2. Dey cru - ci - fied my Sav - iour, An' nailed Him to de cross, Dey
3. Oh, Jo-seph begged his bo - dy, An' laid it in de tomb, Oh,
4. De an - gel came from heav-en, An' roll de stone a - way, De
5. De cold grave could not hold Him, Nor death's cold i - ron band, De

cru - ci - fie l my Saviour, An' nailed Him to de cross, Dey cru-ci - fied my
Jo-seph begged His body, An' laid it in de tomb, Oh Joseph begged His
an - gel came from heaven, An' roll de stone a-way, De an - gel came from
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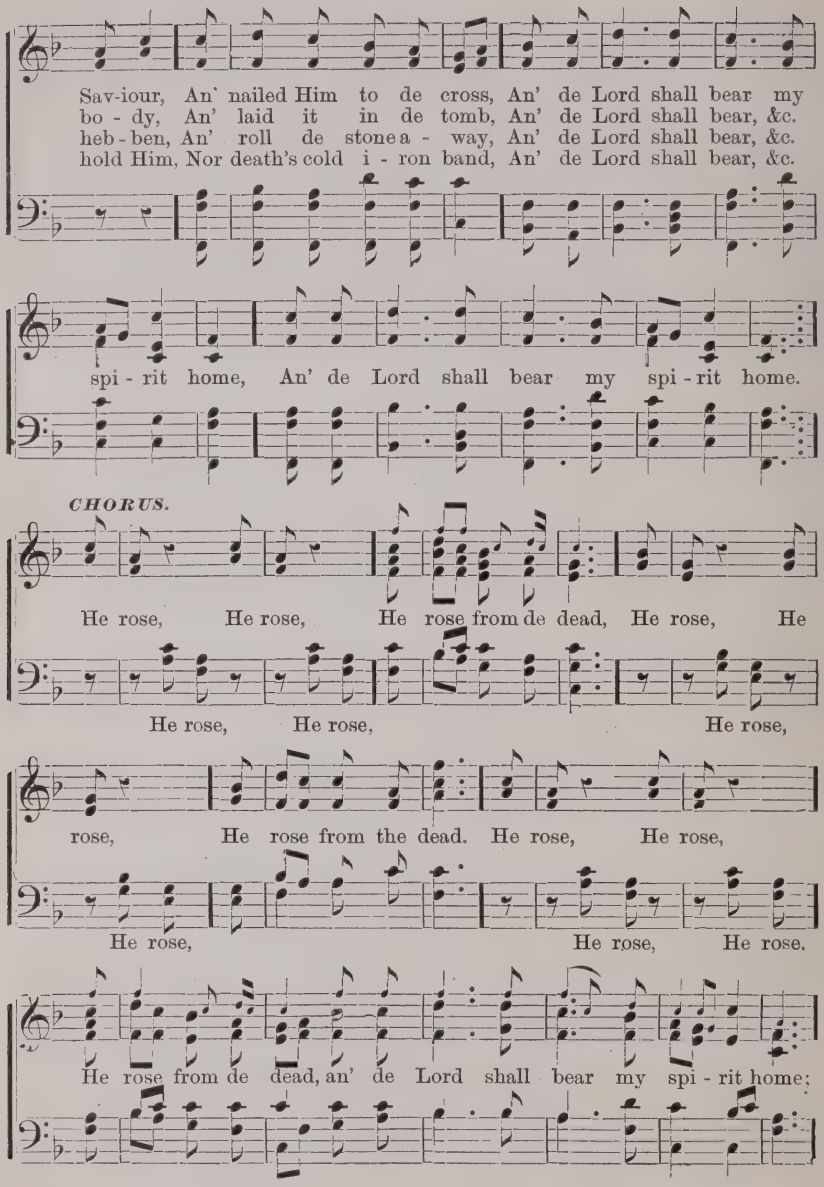
Dust an' Ashes.—*Continued.*



Dust an' Ashes.—*Continued.*

An' de Lord shall bear my spir-it home. 6. Oh Ma - ry came a- run-nin',

her Sav - iour for to see, Oh Ma - ry came a - run - nin', Her

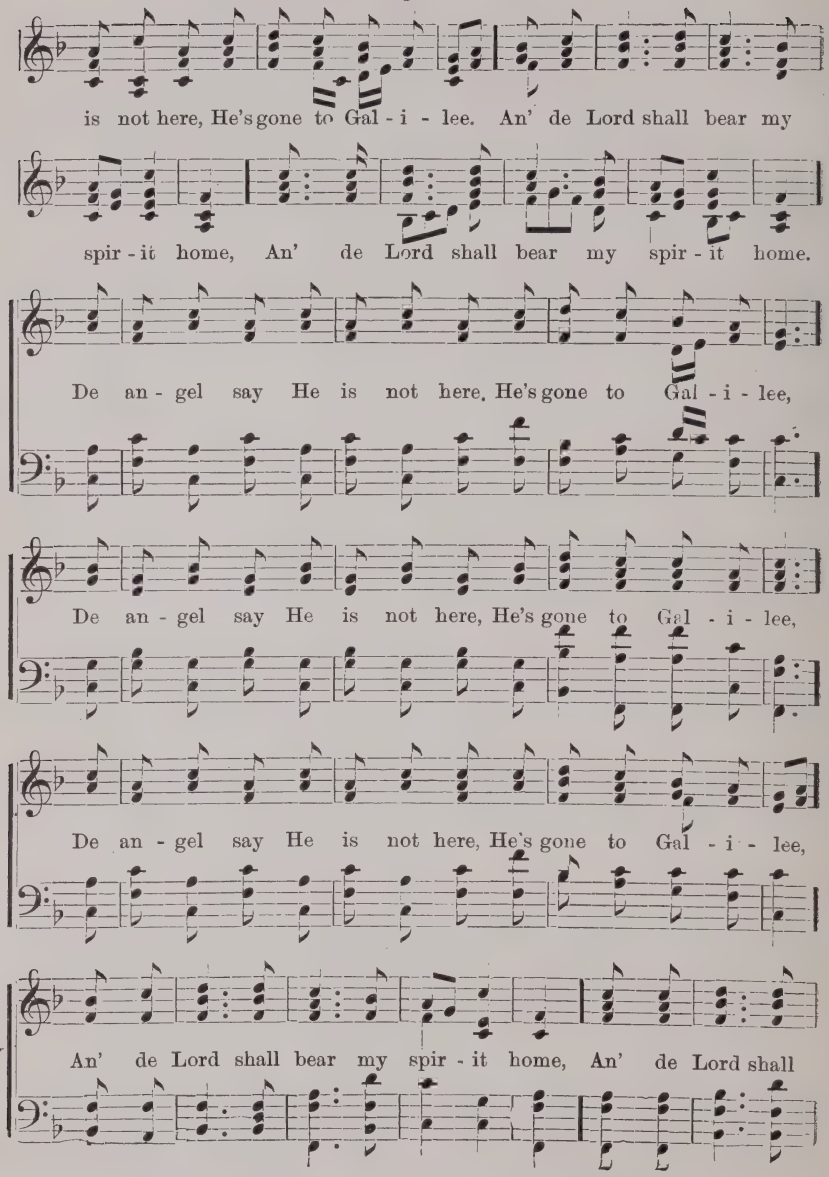
Saviour for to see, Oh Mary came a - run- nin, Her Saviour for to see,

An' de Lord shall bear my spir-it home, An' de Lord shall bear my spirit home.

7. De an - gel say He is not here, He's gone to Gal - i - lee, De

angel say He is not here, He's gone to Gal-i - lee, De an - gel say He

Dust an' Ashes.—*Continued.*



Dust an' Ashes.—*Concluded.*

CHORUS.

bear my spir - it home. He rose, He rose,

He rose, He rose,

He rose from de dead, He rose, He rose,

He rose, He rose,

He rose from de dead, He rose, He rose,

He rose, He rose,

He rose from de dead, An' de Lord shall bear my spir - it

home, An' de Lord shall bear my spir - it home.

Stars in the Elements.

Refrain.

O the stars in the el - e-ments are fall - ing, And the moon drips a -

way in the blood, And the ran-somed of the Lord are re -

in the blood,

turn-ing home to God. O bless - ed is the name of the Lord!

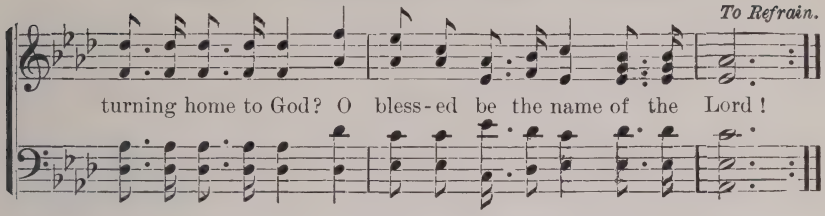
SOLO.

1. Don't you hear those Christians a - pray - ing, While the moon drips a -

way in the blood, And the ran-somed of the Lord are

in the blood,

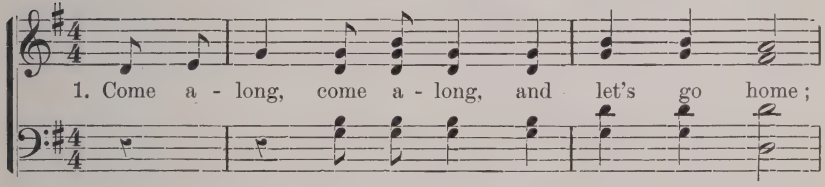
Stars in the Elements.—*Concluded.*

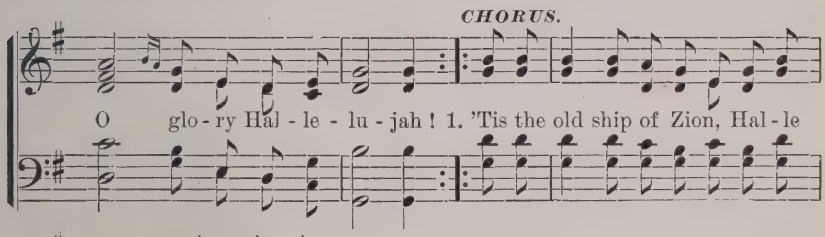


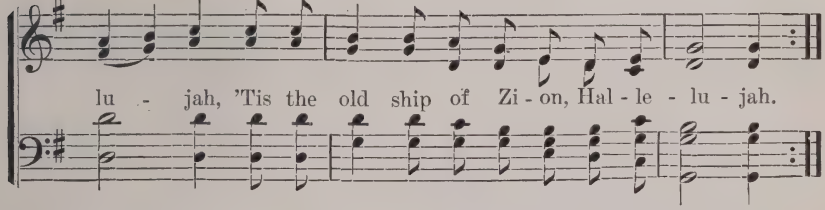
2 Don't you hear those sinners a-screaming,
While the moon drips away, etc.

3 Don't you hear those sinners a-crying,
While the moon drips away, etc.

Ole Ship of Zion.







2 O what ship is this
That will take us all home?
O glory Hallelujah!—*Cho.*

3 She has landed many thousand,
And she'll land as many a more.
O glory Hallelujah!—*Cho.*

4 Do you think she will be able
For to take us all home?
O glory Hallelujah!—*Cho.*

5 O yes, she will be able
For to take us all home.
O glory Hallelujah!—*Cho.*

Massa Gwine to Sell us To-morrow.

SOLO. *Slowly.* CHOIR.

1. Moth-er, is mas - sa gwine to sell us to - mor - row? Yes, yes,

SOLO.

yes! Mother is mas - sa gwine to sell us to - mor - row?

CHOIR. SOLO.

Yes, yes, yes! Mother, is mas - sa gwine to sell us to- mor - row?

CHOIR.

Yes, yes, yes!..... O watch and pray!

2 Gwine to sell us down in Georgia?
Yes, yes, yes!
Gwine to sell us down in Georgia?
Yes, yes, yes!
Gwine to sell us way down in Georgia?
Yes, yes, yes!
O watch and pray!

3 Farewell, mother, I must lebe you.
Yes, yes, yes!
Farewell, mother, I must lebe you.
Yes, yes, yes!
Farewell, mother, I must lebe you.
Yes, yes, yes!
O watch and pray!

4 Mother, don't griebe arter me.
No, no, no!
Mother, don't griebe arter me.
No, no, no!
Mother, don't griebe arter me.
No, no, no!
O watch and pray!

5 Mother, I'll meet you in heaven.
Yes, my child!
Mother, I'll meet you in heaven.
Yes, my child!
Mother, I'll meet you in heaven.
Yes, my child!
O watch and pray!

Glory and Honor.

Live hum-ble, hum-ble, hum-ble yourselves, de bell done ring, Live

Fine.

hum-ble, humble, humble yourselves, de bell done ring. Talk de glo-ry and

D. C.

hon - or, Praise Je - sus, Talk de glo- ry and hon - or, Praise de Lam'!

SOLO. *(To be sung rapidly in one tone.)*

1. Oh, my young Christians, I got lots for to tell you all, Jesus Christ, speaking thro' de organ of the clay, } judge ye not, { for ye shall be judged, false pretenders gettin' in Christian band. Live humble, etc.

2. False pretenders wear sheep's clothin' on his back, In his heart like a raving wolf, ... } one day, one day, { When God goin' to call dem children from de distant land. Tombstones cra'king, graves bustin', hell and the seas gwine t' give up their dead. Live humble, etc.

Peter on the Sea.

1st Sopranos & Altos.

1. Pe - ter, Pe - ter, Pe - ter on the sea, sea, sea, sea!

2d Sopranos & Altos.

Pe - ter, Pe - ter, Pe - ter on the sea, sea, sea, sea!

1st Basses & Tenors.

Pe - ter, Pe - ter, Pe - ter on the sea, sea, sea, sea!

2d Basses & Tenors.

Pe - ter, Pe - ter, Pe - ter on the sea, sea, sea, sea!

Pe - ter, Pe - ter, Pe - ter on the sea, sea, sea, sea!

Pe - ter, Pe - ter, Pe - ter on the sea, sea, sea, sea!

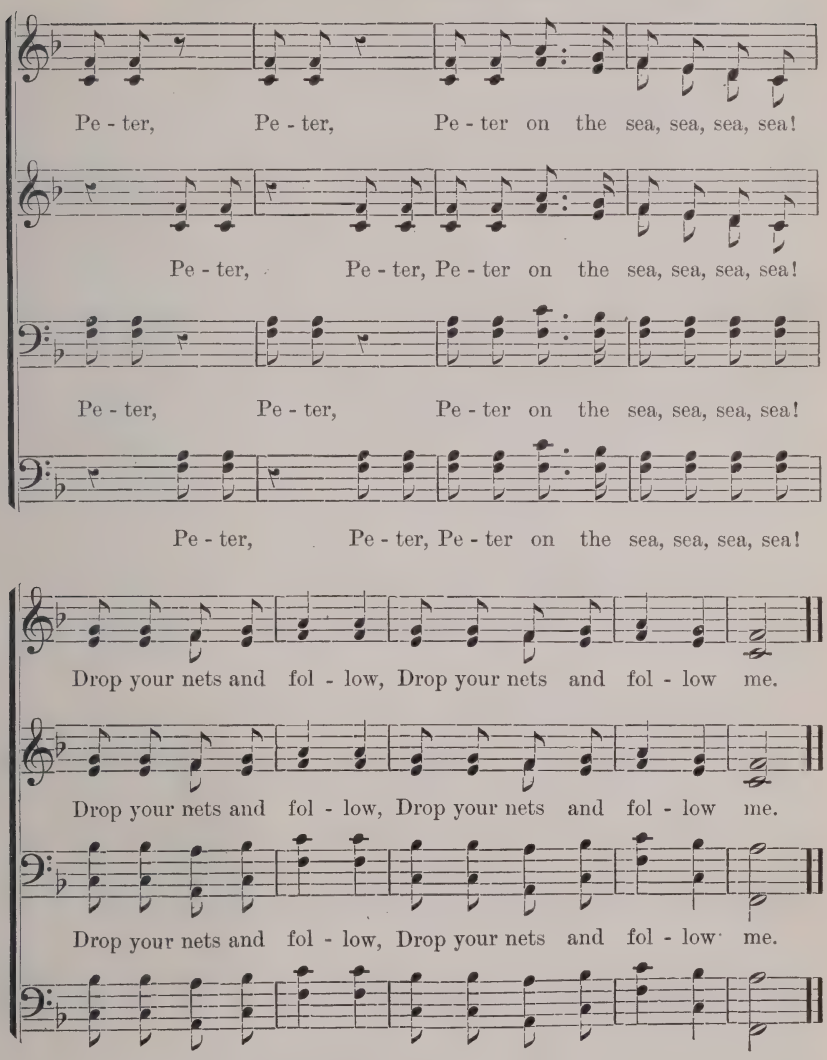
Pe - ter, Pe - ter, Pe - ter on the sea, sea, sea, sea!

Pe - ter, Pe - ter, Pe - ter on the sea, sea, sea, sea!

2 ‖::Gabriel, Gabriel, Gabriel blow your trump, trump, trump, trump!::‖
Gabriel blow your trumpet, Gabriel blow your trumpet loud!

3 ‖::Daniel, Daniel, Daniel in the lions', lions',::‖
Daniel in the lions', Daniel in the lions' den.

Peter on the Sea.—*Concluded.*



4 ‖:: Who did, who did, who did swallow Jonah, Jonah?::‖
Who did swallow Jonah, who did swallow Jonah whole?

5 ‖:: Whale did, whale did, whale did swallow Jonah, Jonah,::‖
Whale did swallow Jonah, whale did swallow Jonah whole!

Rough and Rolling Sea.

Fare-well, fare-well to my on - ly child, Like a rough and a

roll - ing sea,..... Like a rough and a roll - ing sea.....

2 The lightnings flashed,
And the thunders rolled,
Like a rough and rolling sea.

3 The storms beat high,
And the winds blew fierce,
Like a rough and rolling sea.

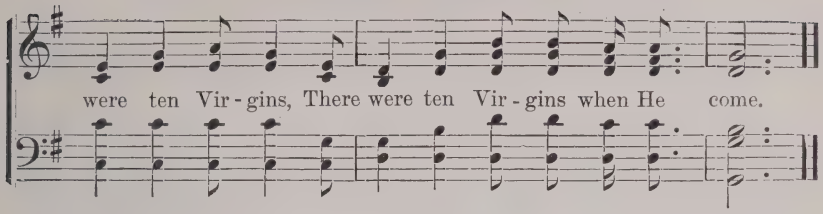
There were Ten Virgins.

Moderato.

There were ten Vir - gins when de Bride-groom come, There

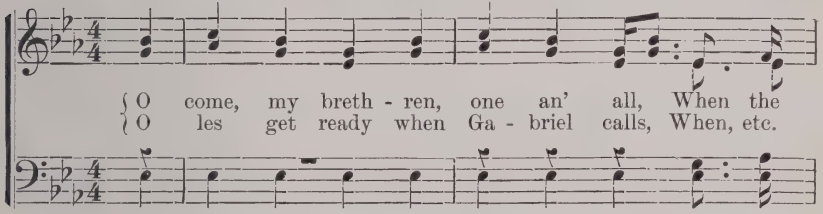
were ten Vir-gins when He come, There were ten Vir-gins, there

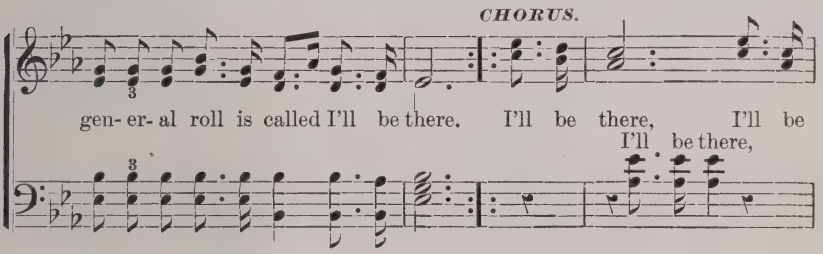
There were Ten Virgins.—*Concluded.*

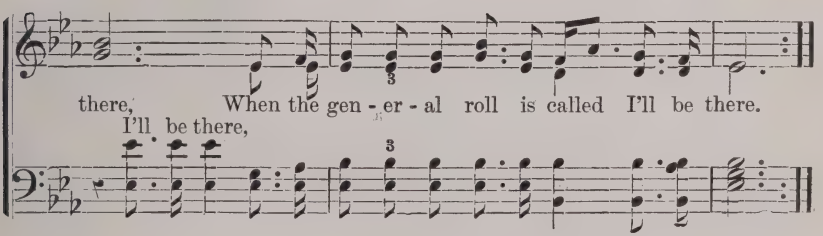


1 And five of them were wise, When, etc.
2 And five of them were foolish, When, etc.
3 And de foolish said to de wise, When, etc.
4 O give us of your oil, When, etc.
5 And de wise said to de foolish, When, etc.
6 O go to them that sell, When, etc.
7 And buy for yourselves, When, etc.

General Roll Call.







Going to Heaven.

1. { De book of rev-e-la-tion God to us re-vealed, Mysteries of sal-
{ De way de book was opened John plain-ly in-formed, De law of God was

va-tion De book of seven seals. } Going to Heav-en, going to
brok-en, A Saviour must be born.

Heav-en, Go-ing to Heav-en to see that bleed-ing Lamb.

2 John saw de Heavens open,
De Conqueror riding down,
He looked and saw white horses;
And rider following on.
If you want to know de Conqueror,
He is de word of God,
His eyes are like a burnin' throne,
He is de word of God.—*Cho.*

3 Hossanna to de Prince of Life,
Who clothed Himself in clay,
And entered de Iron Gate of death,
And bore de ties away.
See how de conqueror mounts aloft,
And to His Father flies!
With scars of honor on His flesh,
And trials in His eyes.—*Cho.*

Fighting On.

Male Voices.—Moderato.

Fight-ing on, Hal-le - lu - jah! We are al-most down to de shore.

REFRAIN.

Fighting on.....
Fighting on, Hal-le - lu - jah! We are almost down to de shore.

SOLO. *CHORUS.*

1. Hal-le-lu-jah to the Lamb, Je-sus died for eb-'ry man.
2. In my room right by my bed, Jesus take me when I'm dead.

We are al - most down to de shore.

SOLO.

He died for you, He died for me, He died to save de whole world free.
When I get on dat oth-er shore, I'll bless my Lord for ev - er - more.

CHORUS. *To Refrain.*

We are al - most down to de shore.

I'm a-Rolling.*

I'm a - roll - ing, I'm a - roll - ing, I'm a - roll - ing thro' an un -

friend - ly world; I'm a - roll - ing, I'm a - roll - ing thro' an

un - friend - ly world. 1. O brothers, won't you help me,
2. O sis - ters, won't you help me,
3. O preachers, won't you help me,

O broth-ers, won't you help me to pray? O brothers, won't you
O sis - ters, won't you help me to pray? O sis - ters, etc.
O preachers, won't you help me to fight? O preachers, etc.

D. C.

help me, Won't you help me in the service of the Lord? †

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I'm a-trav'ling to the Grave.*

CHORUS.

I'm a - trav'ling to the grave, I'm a - trav'ling to the

grave, my Lord, I'm a-trav'ling to the grave, For to lay this bod - y

Fine. *f*

down. 1. My Mas - sa died a - shouting, Singing glo - ry hal - le -

D. C.

lu - jah, The last words he said to me, Was a-bout Je - ru - sa - lem

2 My missis died a-shouting, etc.
3 My brother died a-shouting, etc.
4 My sister died a-shouting, etc.

Many Thousand Gone.*

Plaintively.

1. No more auc - tion block for me, No more. No more;

No more auction block for me, Ma - ny thousand gone.

2 No more peck o' corn for me, etc.
3 No more driver's lash for me, etc.
4 No more pint o' salt for me, etc.
5 No more hundred lash for me, etc.
6 No more mistress' call for me, etc.

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He's the Lord of Lords.*

Why, He's the Lord of lords, And the King of kings, Why

Je - sus Christ is the first and the last, No one can work like Him.

1. I will not let you go, my Lord, No one can work like Him; Un -

til you come and bless my soul, No one can work like Him.

2 For Paul and Silas bound in jail,
No one can work like Him;
The Christians prayed both night and day,
No one can work like Him;
Cho.—Why, He's the Lord of lords, etc.

3 I wish those mourners would believe,
No one can work like Him,
That Jesus is ready to receive,
No one can work like Him.
Cho.—Why, He's the Lord of lords, etc.

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My Way's Cloudy.*

Oh! breth-er-en, my way, my way's cloud - y, my way, Go

send them an - gels down, Oh! breth - er - en, my way,

my way's cloud - y, my way, Go send them an - gels down.

1. There's fire in the east and fire in the west, Send them angels down, And
2. Old Sa-tan's mad, and I am glad, Send them angels down, He
3. I'll tell you now as I told you be-fore, Send them angels down, To
4. This is the year of Ju - bi - lee, Send them angels down, The

D. C.

fire a - mong the Meth - o - dist, O send tbem an - gels down.
missed the soul he thought he had, O send them an - gels down.
the promised land I'm bound to go, O send them an - gels down.
Lord has come to set us free, O send them an - gels down.

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My Lord's Riding all the Time.*

O He sees all you do, and hears all you say,...

do.....

SOLO.

My Lord's a - rid - ing all the time. When I was down in Egypt's

land, My Lord's a - rid - ing all the time; I heard a might-y

D. C.

talking 'bout the promis'd land, My Lord's a - riding all the time.

2 Come down, come down, my Lord, come down,
My Lord's a-riding all the time;
And take me up to wear the crown,
My Lord's a-riding all the time.

3 O sinner, you had better pray,
My Lord's a riding all the time;
It looks like judgment ebery day,
My Lord's a-riding all the time.

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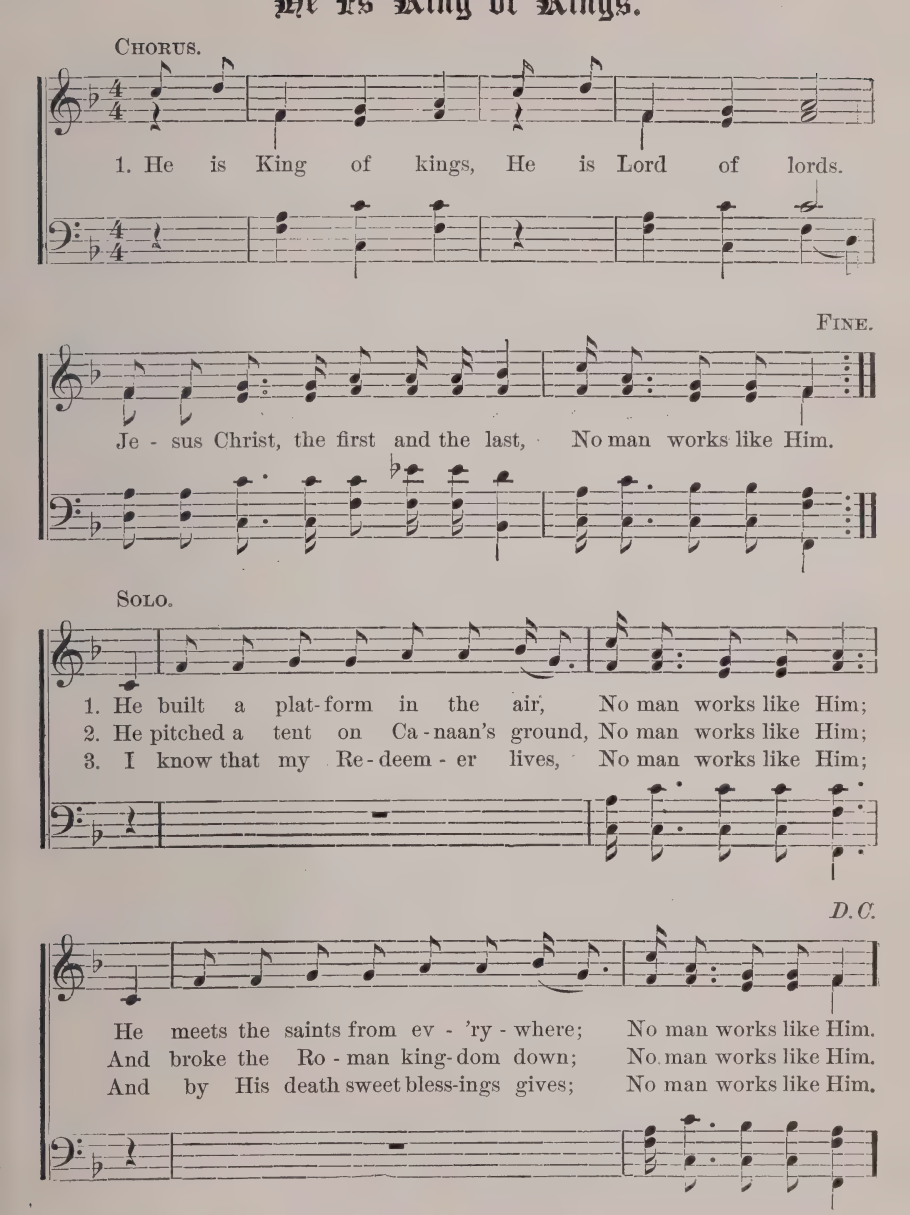
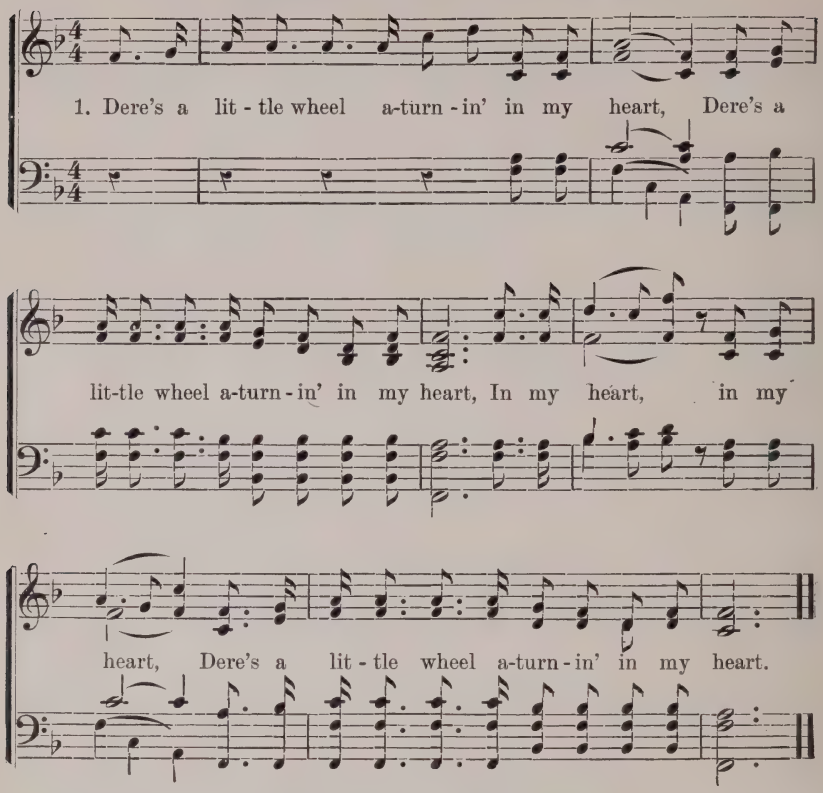
He Is King of Kings.



Little Wheel a-turnin' in my Heart.*



2 ‖: O I feel so very happy in my heart, :‖
In my heart, in my heart,
O I feel so very happy in my heart.

3 ‖: O I don't feel no ways tired in my heart, :‖
In my heart, in my heart,
O I don't feel no ways tired in my heart.

4 ‖: O I feel like shouting in my heart, :‖
In my heart, in my heart,
O I feel like shouting in my heart.

5 ‖: Iv'e a double 'termination in my heart, :‖
In my heart, in my heart,
Iv'e a double 'termination in my heart.

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Seek and Ye shall Find.*

REFRAIN.—Andante.

Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and de door shall be o-pened;

Slower. *Repeat pp.*

Ask and it shall be giv'n, And de Love come a-trickaling down.

Basses octave lower last time.

SOLO.—Faster. *CHO.*

1. { My brother, de Lord has been here, My brother, de Lord has been here, My
{ My sis-ter, de Lord has been here, My sis-ter, de Lord has been here. My

To Refrain.

broth-er, de Lord has been here, } And de Love come a-trickaling down.
sis-ter, de Lord has been here, }

2 ‖: : Elder, de Lord has been here, : :‖
And de Love come a-trickaling down.
‖: : Deacon, de Lord has been here, : :‖
And de Love come a-trickaling down.
Seek, and ye shall find, etc.

3 ‖: : Preacher, de Lord has been here, : :‖
And de Love come a-trickaling down.
‖: : Class-leader, de Lord has been here, : :‖
And de Love come a-trickaling down.
Seek, and ye shall find, etc.

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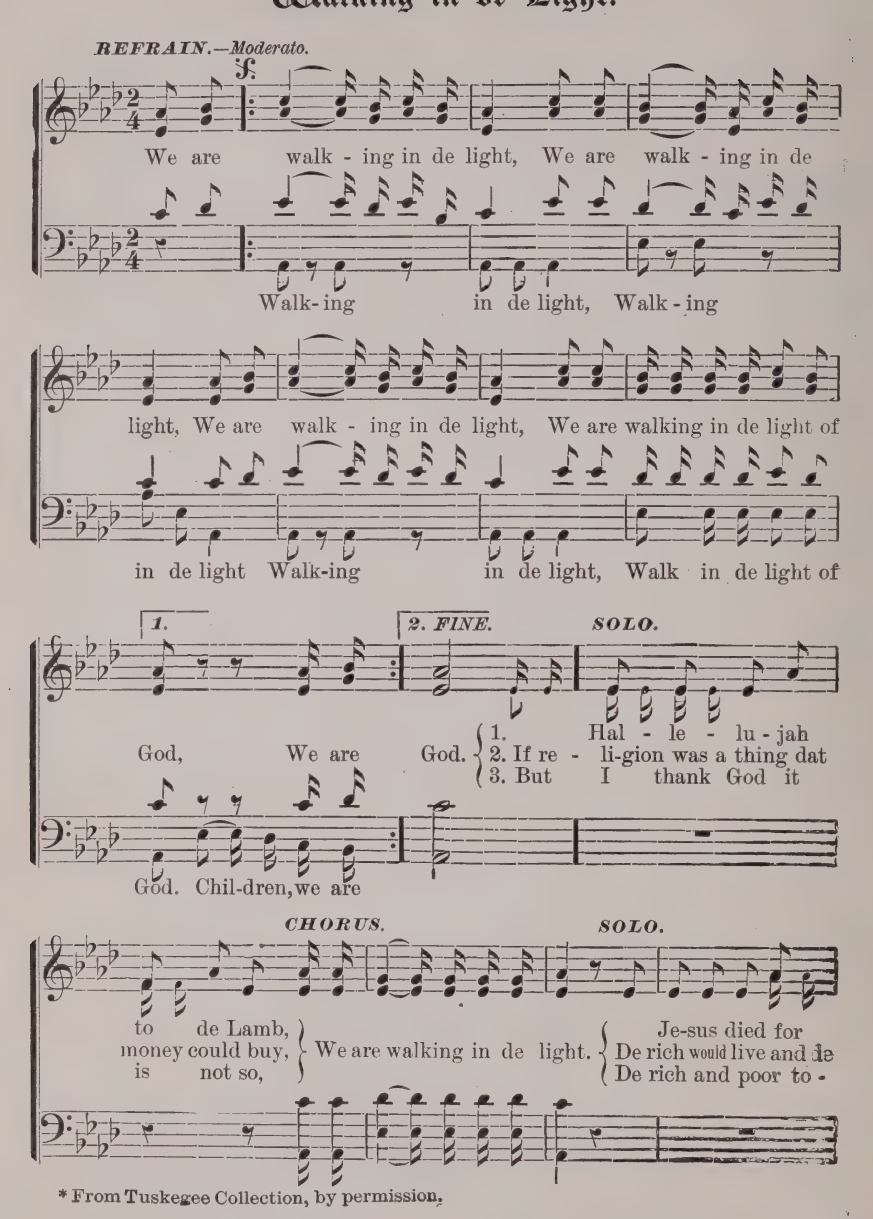
Walking in de Light.*



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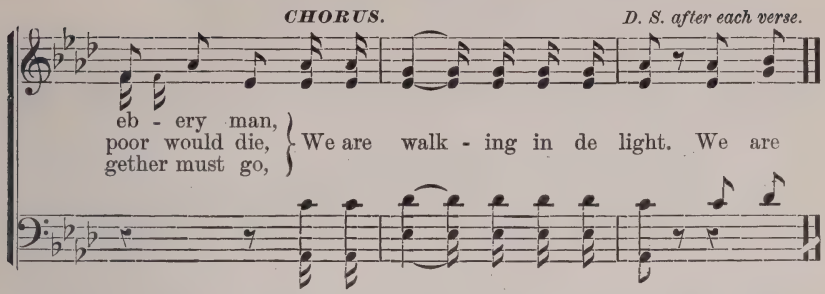
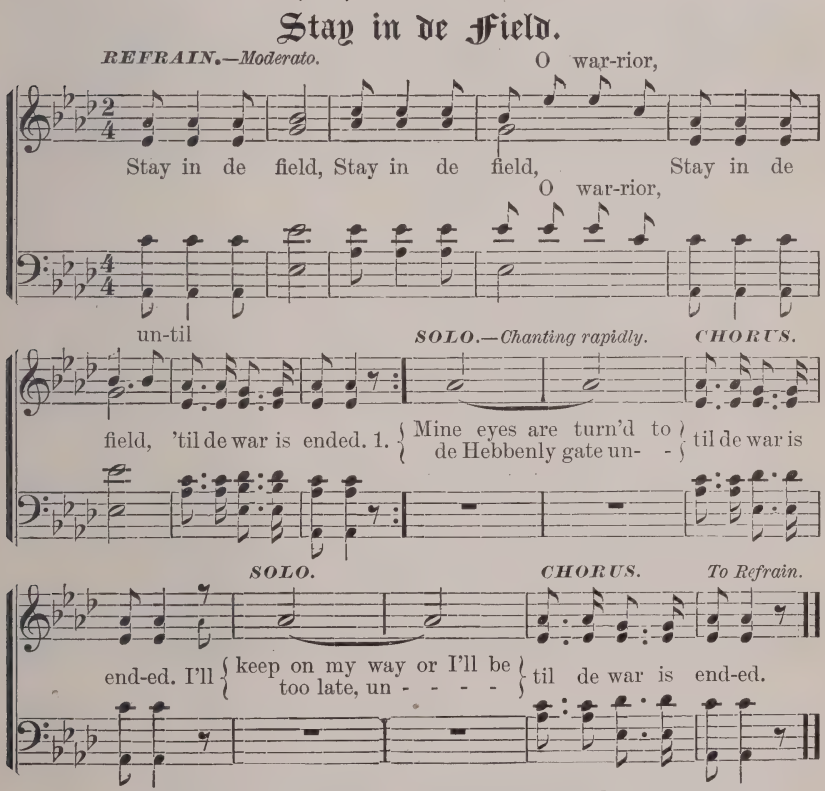


Stay in de Field.



2 De tallest tree in Paradise, until de war is ended,
De Christian call de Tree of Life, until de war is ended.—*Ref.*

3 Green trees burning, why not de dry? until de war is ended
My Saviour died, why not I? until de war is ended.—*Ref.*

I'll be there in the Morning.*

Refrain.—Moderato.

I'll be there in the morning, I'll be there in the morning, I'll be

1st and 4th Verses.

there in the morning. When the gen'ral roll is called, Yes, I'll be there; When the

gen-'ral roll is called, Yes, I'll be there; Gwine to pray with Hezekiah, Yes,

To Refrain.

I'll be there; Gwine to sing with Jer-e - miah, Yes, I'll be there.

2 When the gen'ral roll is called,
Yes, I'll be there;
Gwine to sing around the throne,
Yes, I'll be there.
Gwine to pray around the throne,
Yes, I'll be there;
Gwine to wear a white robe,
Yes, I'll be there.

3 When the gen'ral roll is called,
Yes, I'll be there;
Gwine to see my Massa Jesus,
Yes, I'll be there.
Gwine to wear a starry crown,
Yes, I'll be there;
Gwine to live for evermore,
Yes, I'll be there.

* End at this note the last verse.

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See Fo' an' Twenty Elders.

1. See fo' an' twen - ty el - ders on dere k - n - e - e - s,
2. Dey are bowin' roun' de al - tar on dere k - n - e - e - s,
3. See Gid - eon's ar - my bow - in' on dere k - n - e - e - s,
4. See Dan - iel 'mong de li - ons on his k - n - e - e - s,

See fo' an' twen - ty el - ders on dere k - n - e - e - - s,
Dey are bowin' roun' de al - tar on dere k - n - e - e - - s,
See Gid - eon's ar - my bow - in' on dere k - n - e - e - - s,
See Dan - iel 'mong de li - ons on his k - n - e - e - - s,

An' we'll all rise to - ged - der an' view de ri - sin' sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy ef yo' pleas'.

O Lord,

Roll de Ole Chariot Along.

Oh, roll de ole char-iot a-long, Roll de ole char-iot a-long,

FINE.

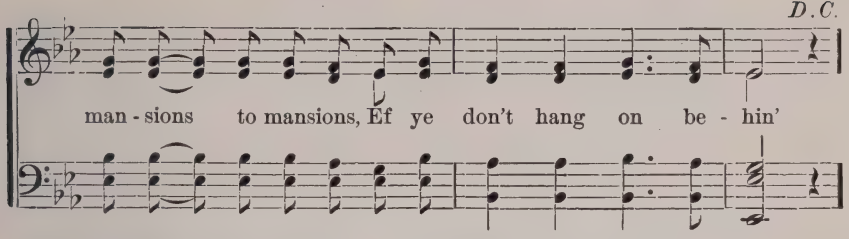
Roll de ole char-iot a-long, Ef ye don't hang on be-hin'.

1. We are trav-el-lin' from mansions, to man sions, to mansions.

We are trav-el-lin' from mansions to man-sions to mansions,

We are trav-el-lin' from man-sions, to

Roll de Ole Chariot Along.—*Concluded.*



2 ‖:Gwine t'jine wid de hundred
An' forty-fo' thousand,
Ef ye don't hang on behin'.

3 ‖:Ef my farder will go
He shall wear a starry crown,:‖
Ef ye don't hang on behin'.

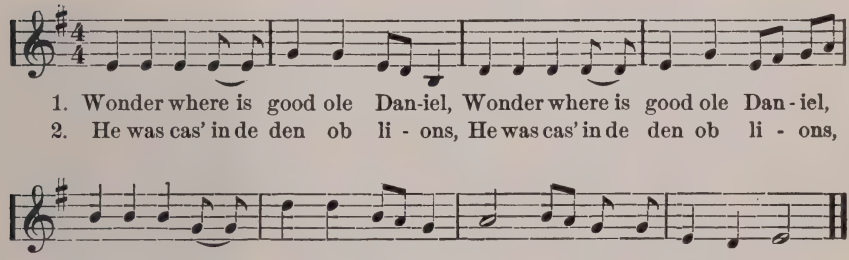
4 ‖:Ef my mudder will go
She shall wear a starry crown,:‖
Ef ye don't hang on behin'.

5 ‖:Ef de elder will go
He shall wear a starry crown,:‖
Ef ye don't hang on behin'.

6 ‖:Ef de preacher's in de way,
Jus' roll it over,:‖
Ef ye don't hang on behin',

7 ‖:Ef de deacon will go
He shall wear a starry crown,:‖
Ef ye don't hang on behin'.

Wonder Where is Good Ole Daniel?



3 ‖:By an' by we'll go an' meet him,:‖
Way over in de Promise' Lan'.

4 ‖:Wonder where's dem Hebrew children:‖
Way over in de Promise' Lan'.

5 ‖: Dey come thro' de fiery furnace, :‖
Way over in de Promise' Lan'.

6 ‖:By an by we'll go an' meet dem,:‖
Way over in de Promise' Lan'.

7 ‖:Wonder where is doubtin' Thomas,:‖
Way over in de Promise' Lan'.

8 ‖:Wonder where is sinkin' Peter,:‖
Way over in de Promise' Lan'.

In the Kingdom.

1. My moth - er has gone to jour - ney a - way,
2. My fa - ther has gone to jour - ney a - way,
3. My sis - ter has gone to jour - ney a - way,

My moth - er has gone to jour - ney a - way,
My fa - ther has gone to jour - ney a - way,
My sis - ter has gone to jour - ney a - way,

My moth - er has gone to jour - ney a - way,
My fa - ther has gone to jour - ney a - way,
My sis - ter has gone to jour - ney a - way,

FINE.

In the king - dom, in the king - dom to - day.

In the Kingdom.—*Concluded.*

In the king - dom,..... In the king - dom,.....

In the king-dom, in the kingdom, In the king-dom, in the king-dom,

In the king-dom, in the kingdom, In the king-dom, sweet king-dom,

In the king - dom,..... .... In the king - dom,.....

In the king - dom, in the kingdom, In the king - dom, in the kingdom,

In the king-dom, in the kingdom, In the God-bless-ed king-dom,

In the king - dom..... In the king - dom,.....

In the king-dom, in the kingdom, In the king-dom, in the kingdom,

In the king- dom, in the kingdom, In the ho - ly, bright king - dom,

D. C.

In the king - dom, in the king - dom to day.

A Wheel in a Wheel.

1. A wheel in a wheel, Oh, my Lord,
2. It runs by..... love, Oh, my Lord,

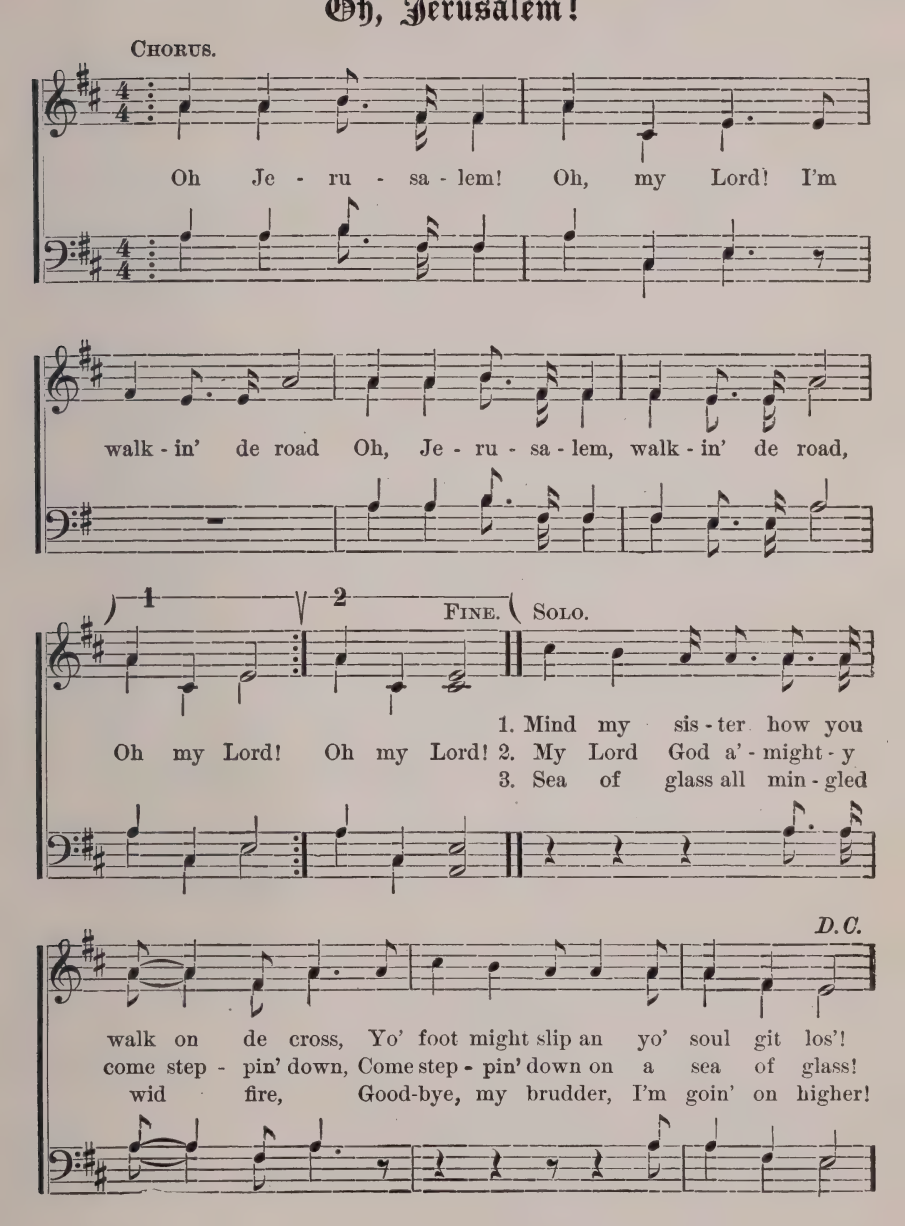
A wheel in a wheel, Oh, my Lord,
It runs by..... love, Oh, my Lord,

Gwine to take a ride On de char - iot wheel.
Gwine to take a ride On de char - iot wheel.

3 It runs by faith,
Oh, my Lord,
It runs by faith,
Oh, my Lord,
Gwine to take a ride,
On de chariot wheel.

4 Chariot's a comin',
Oh, my Lord,
Chariot's a comin',
Oh, my Lord,
Gwine to take a ride,
On de chariot wheel.

Oh, Jerusalem!



Oh Yes, Yonder Comes My Lord.

1. Oh, yes, yon - der comes my Lord, Oh, yes, yon-der comes my Lord,

Oh, yes, yon-der comes my Lord, Oh, yes, yon - der comes my Lord,

Oh, yes, yon - der comes my, Oh, yes, yon - der comes my

Oh, yes, yon-der comes my Lord.

2 He is comin' this a way.

3 With His sword in his han'.

4 He's gwine t'hew dem sinners down.

5 Right level to de groun'.

Go Mary, an' Toll de Bell.

rit.

Go Ma - ry an' toll de bell; Come John an'

call de roll, (*Hum with closed lips.*) I thank God.

1. Who's all dem come dressed in white? Dey mus' be de
2. Who's all dem come dressed in red? Dey mus' be de
3. Who's all dem come dressed in blue? Dey mus' be de
4. Who's all dem come dressed in black? Dey mus' be de

chil-dren of de Is - rael - ite. (*Hum.*) I thank God.
chil-dren dat Mo- ses led. (*Hum.*) I thank God.
chil - dren jus' come thro'. (*Hum.*) I thank God.
mourn - ers jus' turned back. (*Hum.*) I thank God

Oh, Freedom!

1. Oh,.... freedom! oh,.... freedom! oh,.... freedom o - ver
2. No mo' moan-in', no mo' moanin', no mo' moanin' o - ver

me! An' be - fo' I'd be a slave, I'll be
me! An' be - fo' I'd be a slave, I'll be

o - ver me!

bur - ied in my grave, An' go home to my Lord an' be free.
bur - ied in my grave, An' go home to my Lord an' be free.

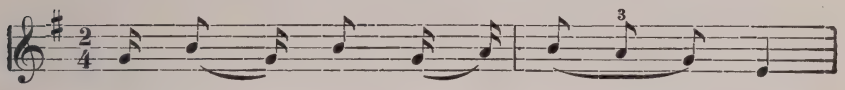
3 No mo' weepin' over me,
An' befo' I'd be a slave,
I'll be buried in my grave,
An' go home to my Lord an' be free.

4 There'll be singin' over me,
An' befo' I'd be a slave,
I'll be buried in my grave,
An' go home to my Lord an' be free.

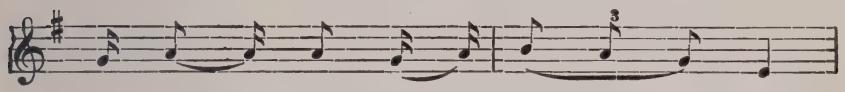
5 There'll be shoutin' over me,
An' befo' I'd be a slave,
I'll be buried in my grave,
An' go home to my Lord an' be free

6 There'll be prayin' over me,
An' befo' I'd be a slave,
I'll be buried in my grave,
An' go home to my Lord an' be free.

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child.



1. Some - times I feel like a moth - er - less child,
2. Ef this.... was judg - ment ..... day,
3. Some - times I feel like I'm al - mos' gone.



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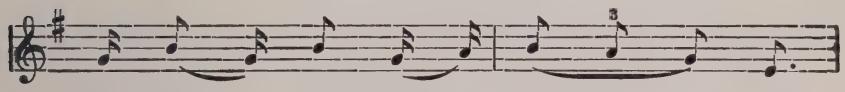

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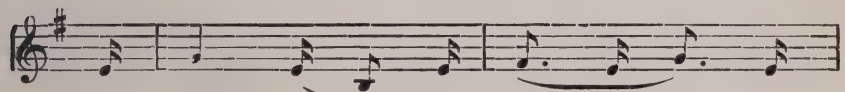

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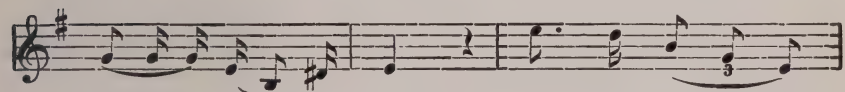
Eb - 'ry lit - - tle soul would pray, Eb -
Way up in de Heb - ben - ly lan! Way



long..... ways from home. True be - liev - er.
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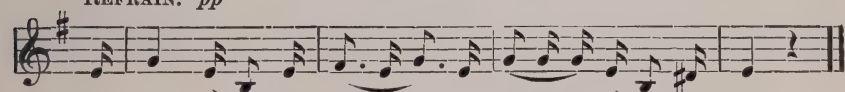
up in de Hebben-ly lan'. True be - liev - er.

REFRAIN. *pp*



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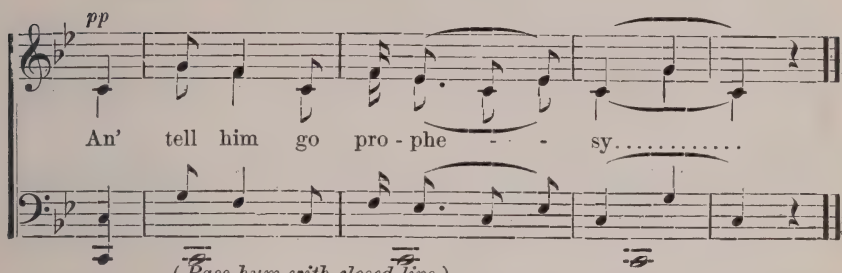
Eb - 'ry lit - tle soul would pray, Eb- 'ry lit- tle soul would pray.
Way up in de Heb-benly lan Way up in de Hebben-ly lan'.

He Raise a Poor Lazarus.

1. Oh, He raise a poor Laz - a - rus,
Raise him up,
He raise him from de dead, While
I tol' ye so,
ma - ny were stand - in'..... by,.....
Je - sus loos - en' de man from un - der de groun',
An' tell him "Go pro - phe - - sy."

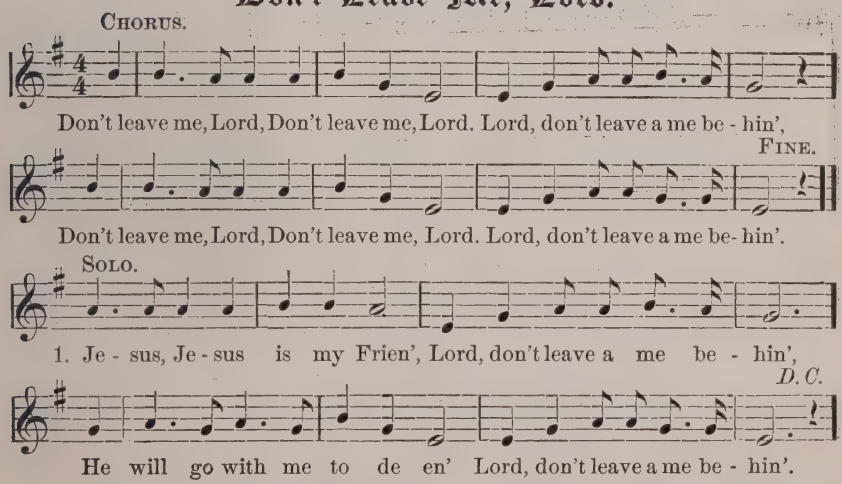
He Raise a Poor Lazarus.—*Concluded.*



2 He give heal unto de sick—yes, He did,
He give sight unto de blin'—I know He did,
He done able de cripple to walk,
Oh, He raise de dead from under de groun'
An' give dem permission to talk.

3 Oh, moan along,—moan along,
Oh, ye moanin' souls!—ye moanin' souls
Heaven is my home—
Jesus been here one time, Lord, He's comin' agin,
Git ready and let us go home.

Don't Leave Me, Lord.



2 No use talkin' what you gwine t' do,
Don't 'tend t' 'ny my God for you.—*Cho.*

3 I don't wan' t' stumble an' I don't wan' t' stop,
I don't wan' t' be no stumblin' block.—*Cho.*

Jacob's Ladder.

1. We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der,

We are climb ing Ja - cob's lad - der, We are

climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, Sol - dier of the cross.

2 Every round goes higher and higher,
Soldier of the cross.

3 Sinner, do you love my Jesus ?
Soldier of the cross.

4 If you love Him, why not serve Him ?
Soldier of the cross.

5 Do you think I'd make a soldier ?
Soldier of the cross.

6 We are climbing higher and higher,
Soldier of the cross.

The Downward Road Is Crowded.

CHORUS.

Oh, de downward road is crowd - ed, crowd - ed, crowd - ed,

FINE.

Oh, de down-ward road is crowd - ed with un - be - liev - in' souls.

SOLO.

1. Come, all ye way - ward trav' lers, An' let us jine an' sing,

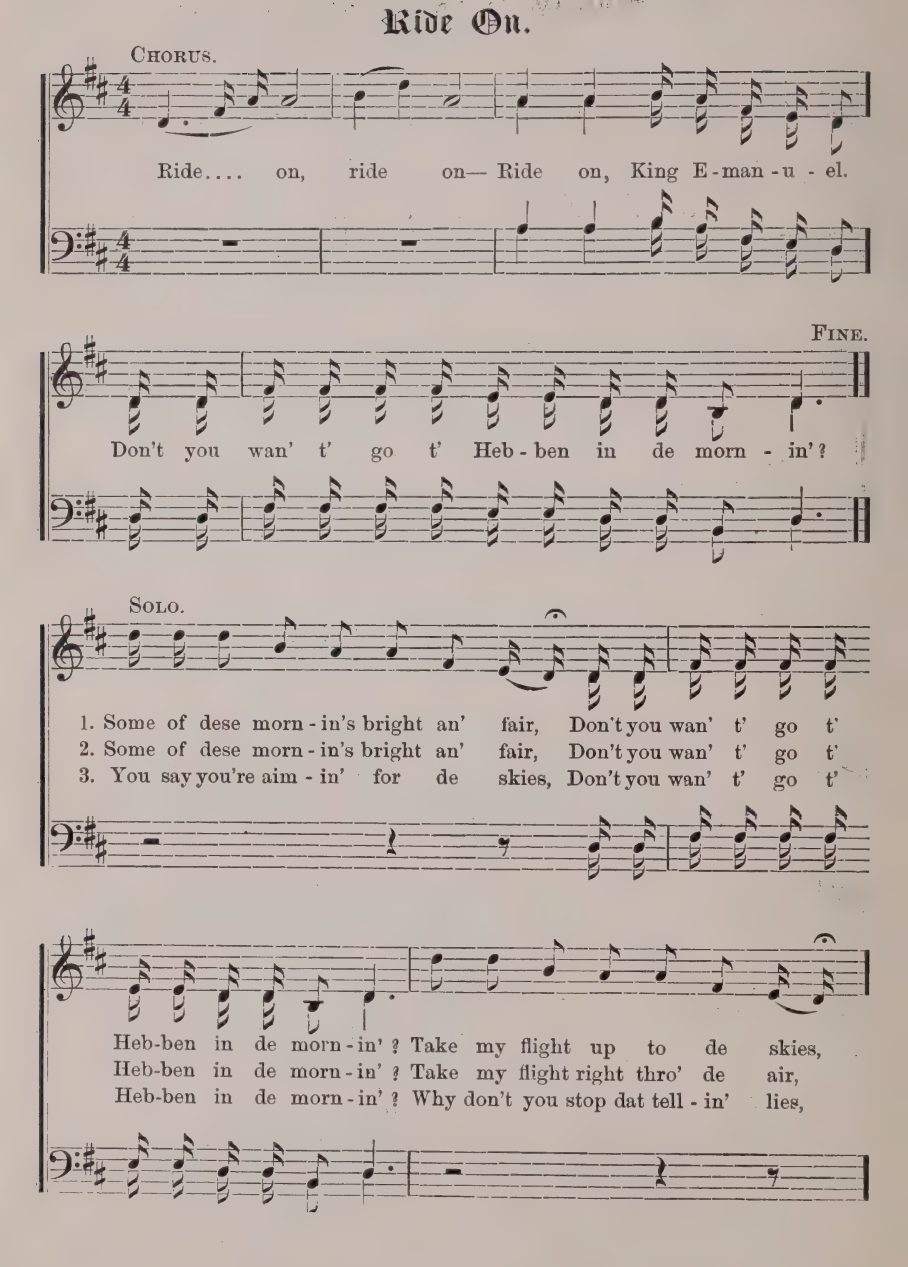
D. C.

De ev - er - last - in' prais - es, Of Je - sus Christ our King.

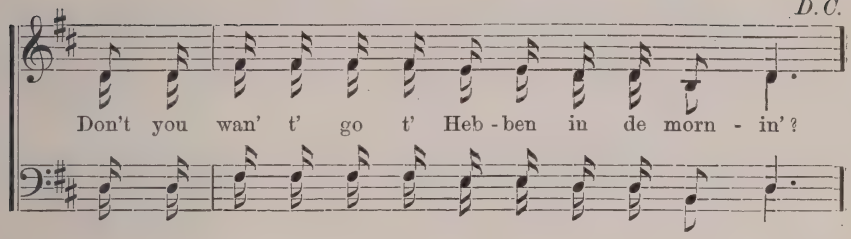
2 Ole Satan's mighty busy,
He follers me night an day,
An every where I 'pinted,
Dere's somethin' in my way.

3 When I was a sinner,
I loved my distance well,
But when I come to fin' myself,
I was hangin' over Hell.

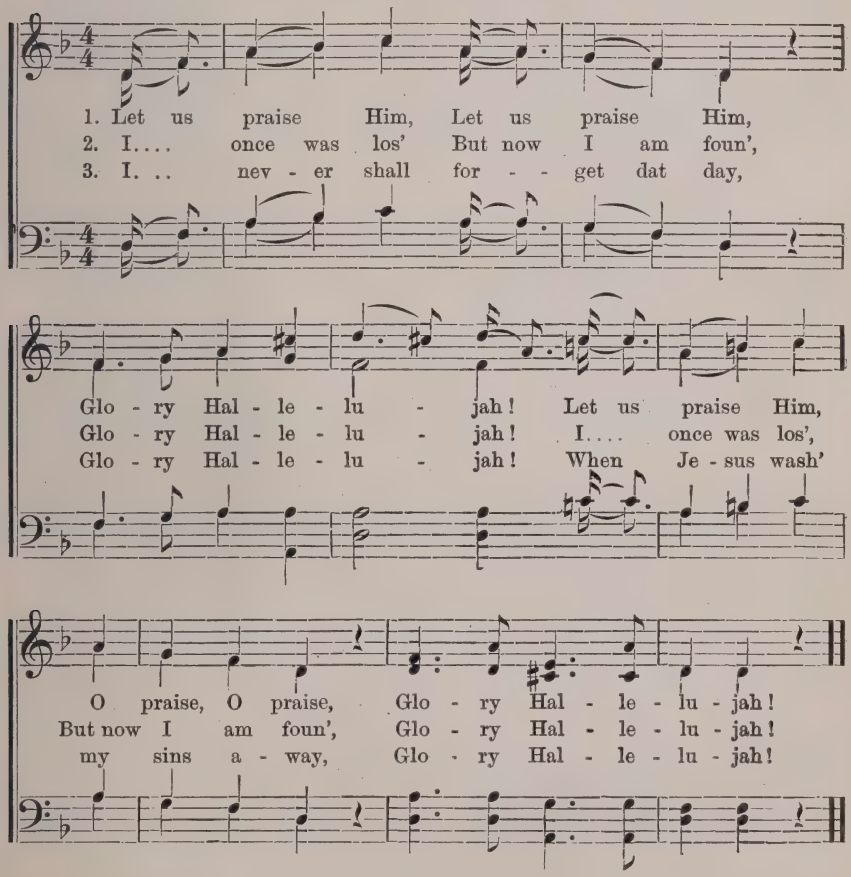
Ride On.


Chorus.
Ride.... on, ride on— Ride on, King E-man-u-el.
Fine.
Don't you wan' t' go t' Heb-ben in de morn-in'?
Solo.
1. Some of dese morn-in's bright an' fair, Don't you wan' t' go t'
2. Some of dese morn-in's bright an' fair, Don't you wan' t' go t'
3. You say you're aim-in' for de skies, Don't you wan' t' go t'
Heb-ben in de morn-in'? Take my flight up to de skies,
Heb-ben in de morn-in'? Take my flight right thro' de air,
Heb-ben in de morn-in'? Why don't you stop dat tell-in' lies,

Ride On.—*Concluded.*



Let Us Praise Him.



Put John On de Islan'.

CHORUS.

Hail, ... hail... Put John on de is - lan',

Hail, ... hail, ... Weep a low Judg - ment's com - in'.

FINE.

SOLO.

1. You got Je - sus, hold Him fas' Weep a low, Judg-ment's com - in',
2. Did'nt know Christ was into de fiel', Weep a low, Judg-ment's com - in',

D. C.

De grace of God you shall re-ceive, Weep a low, Judg-ment's com - in'.
Till I heard de rumblin' of de chariot wheel, Weep a low, Judg-ment's com - in'.

3 Gwine down Jordan t' pay my fare,
Weep a low, Judgment's comin',
Have a little meetin' when I gits dere,
Weep a low, Judgment's comin'

4 Gwine up t' Hebben, don't wan' t' stop,
Weep a low, Judgment's comin',
Don't wan' t' be no stumblin' block,
Weep a low, Judgment's comin'.

We Are Building on a Rock.

1. We are build-ing on a Rock, On high, on.... high,
2. It's a might-y true Rock, On high, on.... high,
3. It's a might-y sol-id Rock, On high, on.... high,

We are build-ing on a Rock, On high, thank God.
It's a might-y - true Rock, On high, thank God.
It's a might-y sol-id Rock, On high, thank God.

4 Christ Jesus is the Rock,
On high, on high,
Christ Jesus is the Rock,
On high, thank God.

5 The very gates of Hell,
On high, on high,
The very gates of Hell,
On high, thank God.

6 Will not prevail against it,
On high, on high,
Will not prevail against it,
On high, thank God.

7 Help me to build on the Rock,
On high, on high,
Help me to build on the Rock.
On high, thank God.

Good Lord, Shall I Ever be de One?

CHORUS.

Good Lord, shall I ev-er be de one? Good Lord, shall I ev-er be de one?

FINE.

Good Lord, shall I ev-er be de one, To get ov-er in de Promise' Lan'?

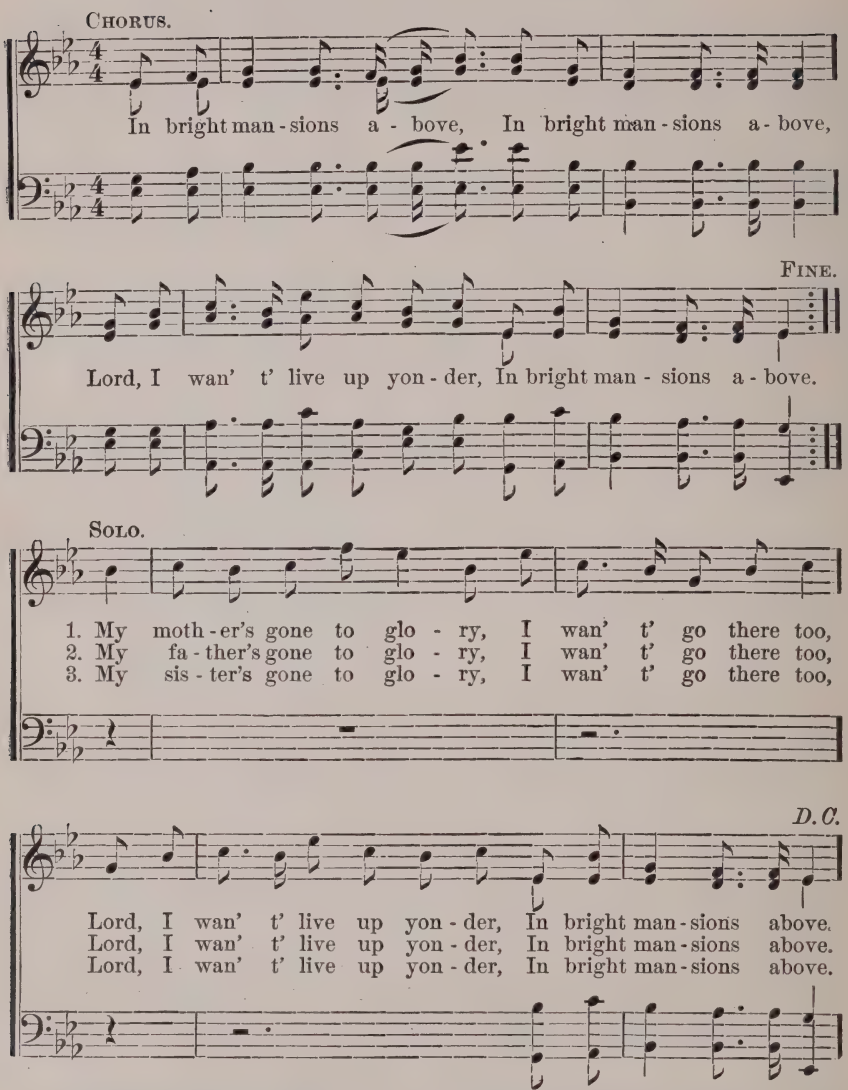
SOLO.

1. God placed Adam in de gar-den, 'Twas a-bout de cool of de day,
2. The Lord walked in de gar-den, 'Twas a-bout de cool of de day,

D.C.

Call for ole A-dam An' he tried to run a-way.
Call for ole A-dam An' A-dam said "Hear me Lord."

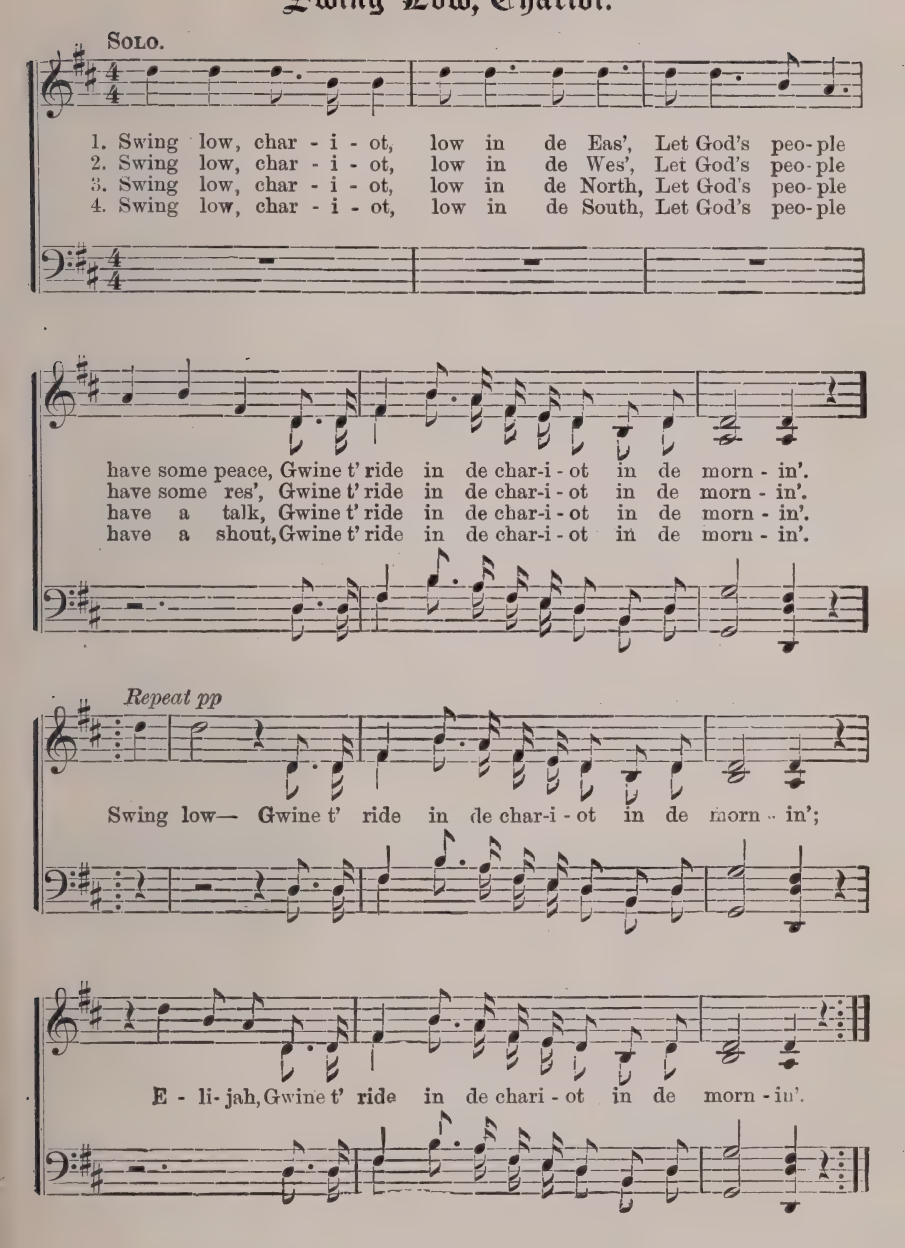
In Bright Mansions Above.



4 My brother's gone to glory,
I wan' t' go there too, Lord,
I wan' t' live up yonder,
In bright mansions above.

5 My Saviour's gone to glory,
I wan' t' go there too, Lor
I wan' t' live up yonder,
In bright mansions above.

Swing Low, Chariot.



Pilgrim's Song.

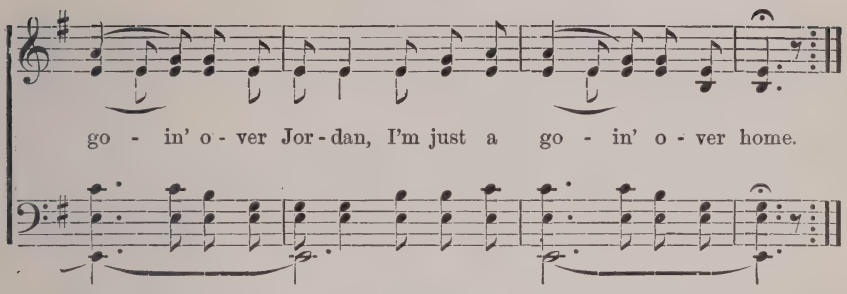
Unison.

1. I'm a poor, way-far-in' stranger, While journeyin' thro this world of woe, Yet there's no sick-ness, toil, and dan-ger, In that bright world to which I go, I'm go-in' there to see my fa-ther, I'm go-in' there no more to roam, I'm just a
2. I know dark clouds will gath-er round me, I know my way is rough an' steep, Yet bright fields lie just be-fore me, Where God's re-deemed their vi-gils keep, I'm go-in' there to see my moth-er, She said she'd meet me when I come, I'm just a
3. I'll soon be free from ev-'ry trial, My body will sleep in the ole church-yard, I'll drop the cross of self de-ni-al, An' en-ter on.... my great re-ward, I'm go-in' there to see my Sav-iour, To sing His praise in Heav-en's dome, I'm just a

2d. time pp

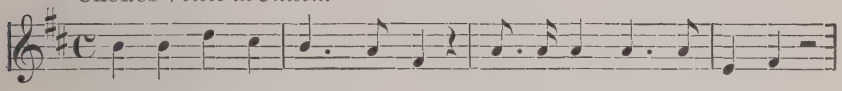
Bass (hum 2d. time.)

Pilgrim's Song.—*Concluded.*



Don't Be Weary, Traveller.

CHORUS *Voices in Unison.*



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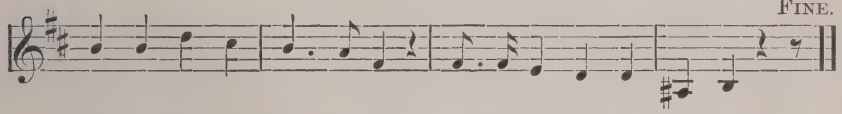

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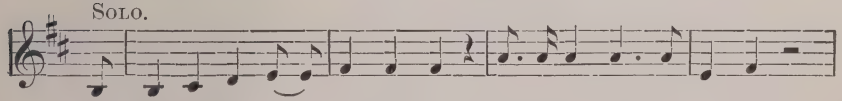
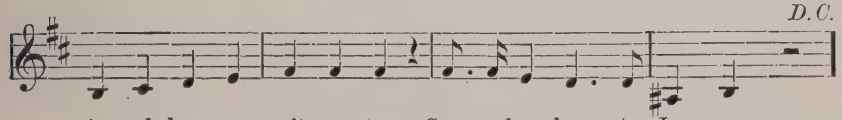


1. My head got wet with the midnight dew, Come along home to Je - sus,
2. Where to go I did not know, Come along home to Je - sus,
3. I look at de worl' an' de worl' look new, Come along home to Je - sus,

D. C.



An-gels bear me wit-ness too, Come a-long home to Je - sus.
Ev - er since He freed my soul, Come a-long home to Je - sus.
I look at my hands an' they look so too, Come a-long home to Je - sus.

I Am Goin' to Join in This Army.

1. I am go - in' to join in this ar - my of my Lord,

FINE.

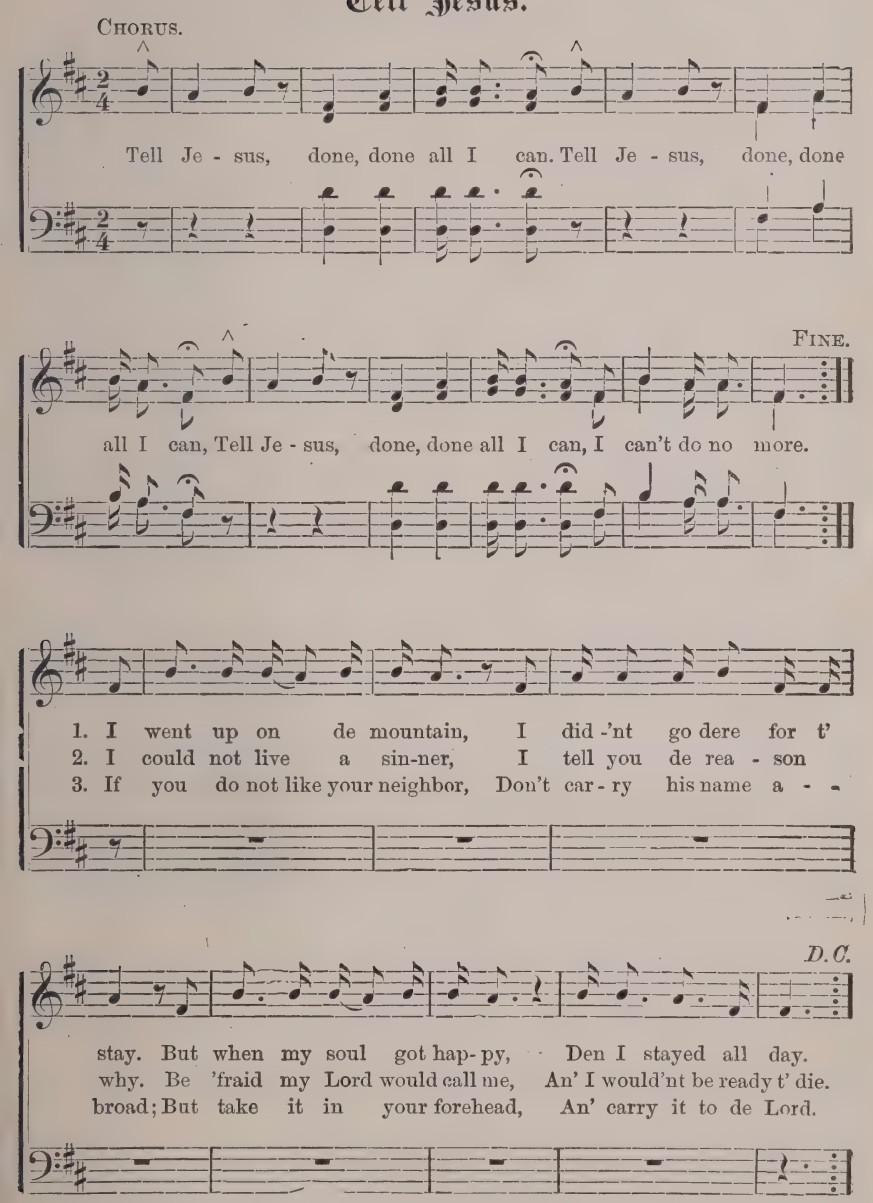
I am go - in' to join in this ar - my.

1. Takes a hum-ble soul to join, In this ar - my of my Lord,
2. All... Chris - tians can join, In this ar - my of my Lord,
3. Preach - er, help us to join, In this ar - my of my Lord,

D. C.

Takes a hum - ble soul to join, In this ar - my.
All .... Chris - tians can join, In this ar - my
Preach - er help us to join, In this ar - my.

Tell Jesus.


Chorus.
Tell Je - sus, done, done all I can. Tell Je - sus, done, done
all I can, Tell Je - sus, done, done all I can, I can't do no more.
Fine.
1. I went up on de mountain, I did -'nt go dere for t'
2. I could not live a sin-ner, I tell you de rea - son
3. If you do not like your neighbor, Don't car - ry his name a - -
stay. But when my soul got hap - py, Den I stayed all day.
why. Be 'fraid my Lord would call me, An' I would'nt be ready t' die.
broad; But take it in your forehead, An' carry it to de Lord.
D.C.

Sun Don't Set in de Mornin'.

CHORUS.

Sun don't set in de morn - in', Sun don't set in de

FINE.

morn-in', Lord, Sun don't set in de morn-in', Light shine round de world.

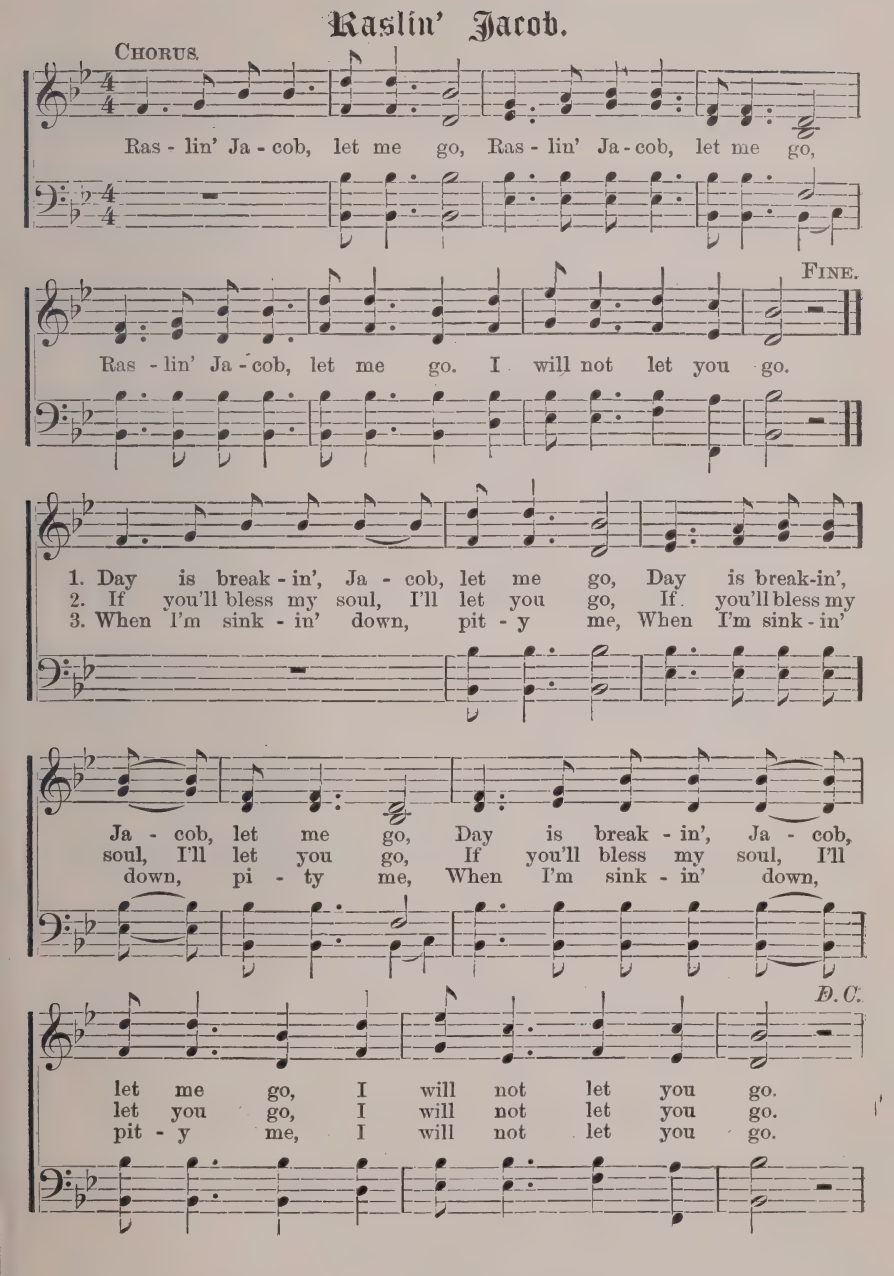
1. Pray on, ... pray-in', sis - ter, Pray on,.... pray - in' sis - ter,
2. Pray on, ... pray-in', brud-der, Pray on,.... pray - in' brud - der,
3. Pray on, ... pray-in', preacher, Pray on,.... pray - in' preach-er,

D. C.

Pray on,..... pray - in' sis - ter, Light shine roun' de worl'.
Pray on,..... pray - in' brud - der, Light shine roun' de worl'.
Pray on,..... pray - in' preach-er, Light shine roun' de worl'.

D. C.

Raslin' Jacob.



Let de Heaven Light Shine on Me.

CHORUS.

Let de Heav - en light shine on me, ... Let de

Heav - en light shine on me, For low is de way to de

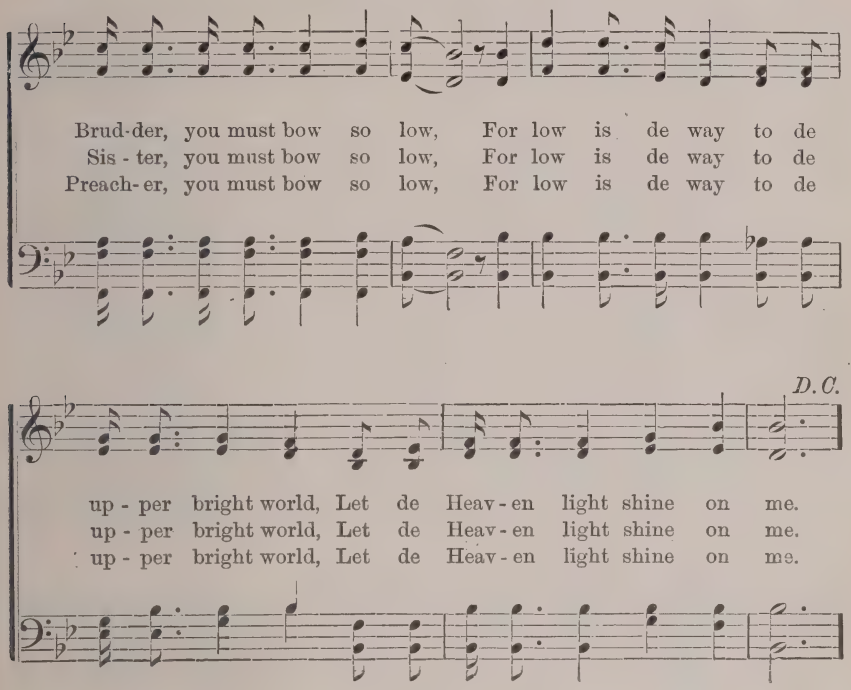
FINE.

up - per bright world, Let de Heav-en light shine on me.

SOLO.

1. Oh, ... brud - der, you must bow so low, ...
2. Oh, ... sis - ter, you must bow so low, ...
3. Oh, .. . preach - er, you must bow so low, ...

Let de Heaven Light Shine on Me.—*Concluded.*



4 Class leader, you must bow so low,
Class leader, you must bow so low,
For low is de way to de upper bright world,
Let de Heaven light shine on me.
Cho.—Let de Heaven light shine on me, etc.

5 Oh, elder, you must bow so low,
Elder, you must bow so low,
For low is de way to de upper bright world,
Let de Heaven light shine on me.
Cho.—Let de Heaven light shine on me, etc.

6 Oh, deacon, you must bow so low,
Deacon, you must bow so low,
For low is de way to de upper bright world,
Let de Heaven light shine on me.
Cho.—Let de Heaven light shine on me, etc.

Git on Board Little Children.

Git on board lit - tle chil - dren, Git on board lit'- tle chil-dren,

FINE.

Git on board lit - tle children, Dere's room for ma - ny a mo'.

1. De Gos - pel train's a com - in', I hear it jus' at han',
2. I hear de train a com - in', She's com-in' roun' de curve,
3. De fare is cheap an' all can go, De rich an' poor are dere,

D. C.

I hear de car wheels rum blin', An' roll - in' thro' de lan'.
She's loos-ened all her steam an' brakes, An' strainin' eb - 'ry nerve.
No sec- ond class a - board dis train, No difference in de fare.

Gwine to Live Humble to de Lord.

Hum- ble, humble, humble yourselves, Gwine to live humble to de Lord,

FINE.

Hum-ble, hum-ble, hum-ble, yourselves, Gwine to live humble to de Lord.

1. One day as I was walkin' a - long, Gwine to live humble to de Lord.
2. Although you see me go - in' long so, Gwine to live humble to de Lord.
3. You say you're aim-in' for de skies, Gwine to live humble to de Lord.
4. If you get there be - fore I do, Gwine to live humble to de Lord.

D. C.

De el-ement opened an' de love came down, Gwine to live humble to de Lord.
I have my tri - als here be - low, Gwine to live humble to de Lord.
Why don't you stop that tell - in' lies? Gwine to live humble to de Lord.
Look out for me I'm com - in' too, Gwine to live humble to de Lord.

What Yo' Gwine t' Do When de Lamp Burn Down?

(An old Georgia Plantation Song.)

REFRAIN.

Oh, po' sinner, Now is yo' time Oh, po' sin - ner What yo' gwine to

FINE.

do when de lamp burn down? 1. Oh, de lamp burn down an' yo' cannot see;
2. E - ze - kiel saw dat wheel o' time;
3. God made man an' He made him out o' clay,

What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down? Oh, de lamp burn down an' yo'
What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down? An' ev - 'ry spoke was of
What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down? An' put him on de earth, but

D. C.

can - not see What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down?
hu - man kind; What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down?
not to stay; What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down?

What Yo' Gwine t' Do? etc.—*Concluded.*

4 Dey cast ole Daniel in de lion's den;
What yo' gwine t' do when the lamp burn down?
An' Jesus locked de lion's jaw;
What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down?—*Ref.*

5 Ole Satan's mad an' I am glad;
What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down?
He miss one soul he thought he had,
What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down?—*Ref.*

6 Ole Satan's a liar an' a conjurer too;
What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down?
If yo' don't mind, he slip it on yo'
What yo' gwine t' do when de lamp burn down?—*Ref.*

I've Got a Mother in de Heaven.

1. I've got a moth-er in de Heav - en, Out-shines de sun,
2. I've got a fa-ther in de Heav - en, Out-shines de sun,
3. I've got a sis-ter in de Heav - en, Out-shines de sun,
4. When we git to Heav - en, we will Out-shine de sun,

Out-shines de sun, Out-shines de sun, I've got a
Out-shines de sun, Out-shines de sun, I've got a
Out-shines de sun, Out-shines de sun, I've got a
Out-shine de sun, Out-shine de sun, When we get

mother in de Heaven, Outshines de sun, Way be-yond de moon.
father in de Heaven, Outshines de sun, Way be-yond de moon.
sis-ter in de Heaven, Outshines de sun, Way be-yond de moon.
to Heav-en, we will Out-shine de sun, Way be-yond de moon.

Come Down, Sinner.

(An old Plantation Song in common use in Gloucester County, Va.)

CHORUS.

1. Come down, come down, Come down, sin-ner, yo' none too late;
2. Pray hard, pray hard, Pray hard, sin-ner, yo' none too late;

FINE.

Come down, come down, O, come down, sin-ner, yo' none to late;
Pray hard, pray hard, O, pray hard, sin-ner, yo' none to late;

SOLO. QUARTET.

Some seek de Lord, but doan seek Him right, Come down, sinner, yo' none too late;
Times ain't like dey used to be, Come down, sinner, yo' none too late;

SOLO. QUARTET. D. C.

Lil' at de day an' none at night; Come down, sinner, yo' none too late.
I fo' yo' an' yo' fo' me; Come down, sinner, yo' none too late.

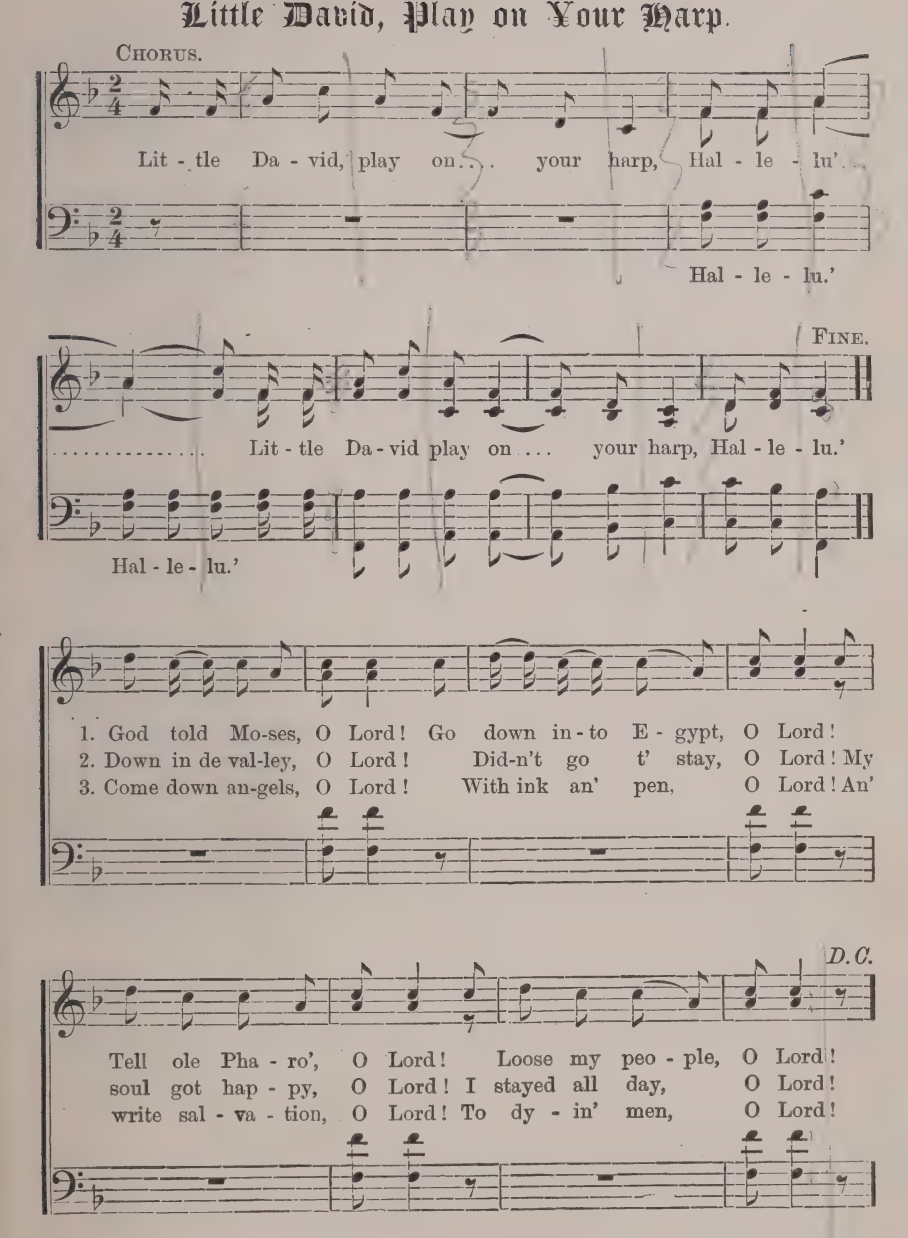
3 ‖: Bow low, bow low,
Bow low, sinner, yo' none too late; :‖
Wen' down de hill t' say my prayer,
Come down, sinner, yo' none too late;
When I got dere, ole Satan was dere,
Come down, sinner, yo' none too late.

4 ‖: Seek hard, seek hard,
Seek hard, sinner, yo' none too late; :‖
What do yo' tink ole Satan say?
Come down, sinner, yo' none too late;
"Jesus dead, an' God gone away,"
Come down, sinner, yo' none too late.

5 ‖: Shout hard, shout hard,
Shout hard, sinner, yo' none too late; :‖
What t' do, I did not know,
Come down, sinner, yo' none to late:
Right back home I had to go,
Come down, sinner, yo' none too late.

6 ‖: Mourn hard, mourn hard,
Mourn hard, sinner, yo' none too late; :‖
Something spoke unto my soul,
Come down, sinner, yo' none too late;
"Go in peace, an' sin no mo',"
Come down, sinner, yo' none too late.

Little David, Play on Your Harp.



Oh, When I Git t' Heaven.

(Old Plantation Song from Alabama.)

Oh, when I git t' Heaven, gwine t' sit right down,
Tell it Tell it Tell it Tell it
Tell it Tell it Tell it Tell it

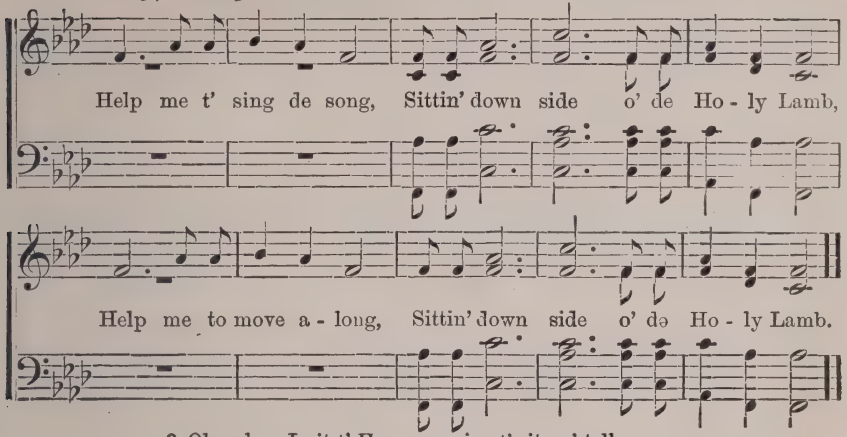
Ask my Lord for a star - ry
Tell it Tell it Tell it
Tell it Tell it Tell it

crown, Sit - tin' down side o' de Ho - ly Lamb.
Tell it
Tell it

REFRAIN.

Fa - ther A - bra - ham, Sit-tin' down side o' de Ho - ly Lamb.

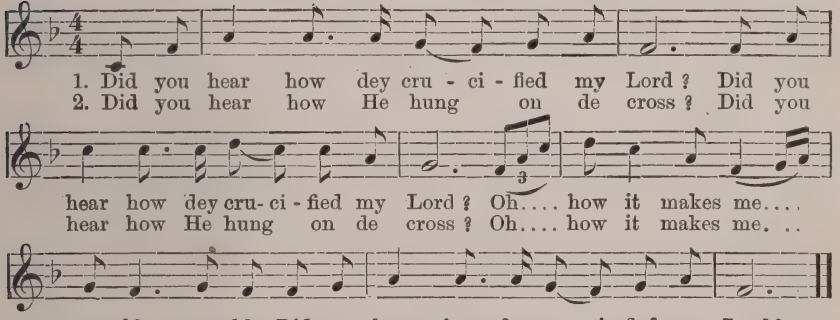
Oh, When I Git t' Heaven.—*Concluded.*



2 Oh, when I git t' Heaven gwine t' sit an' tell,
Three archangels gwine t' ring dem bell,
Sittin' down side o' de Holy Lamb.—*Ref.*

3 Oh, when I git t' Heaven gwine t' ease, ease,
Me an' my God gwine t' do as we please,
Sittin' down side o' de Holy Lamb.—*Ref.*

Did You Hear How Dey Crucified My Lord?

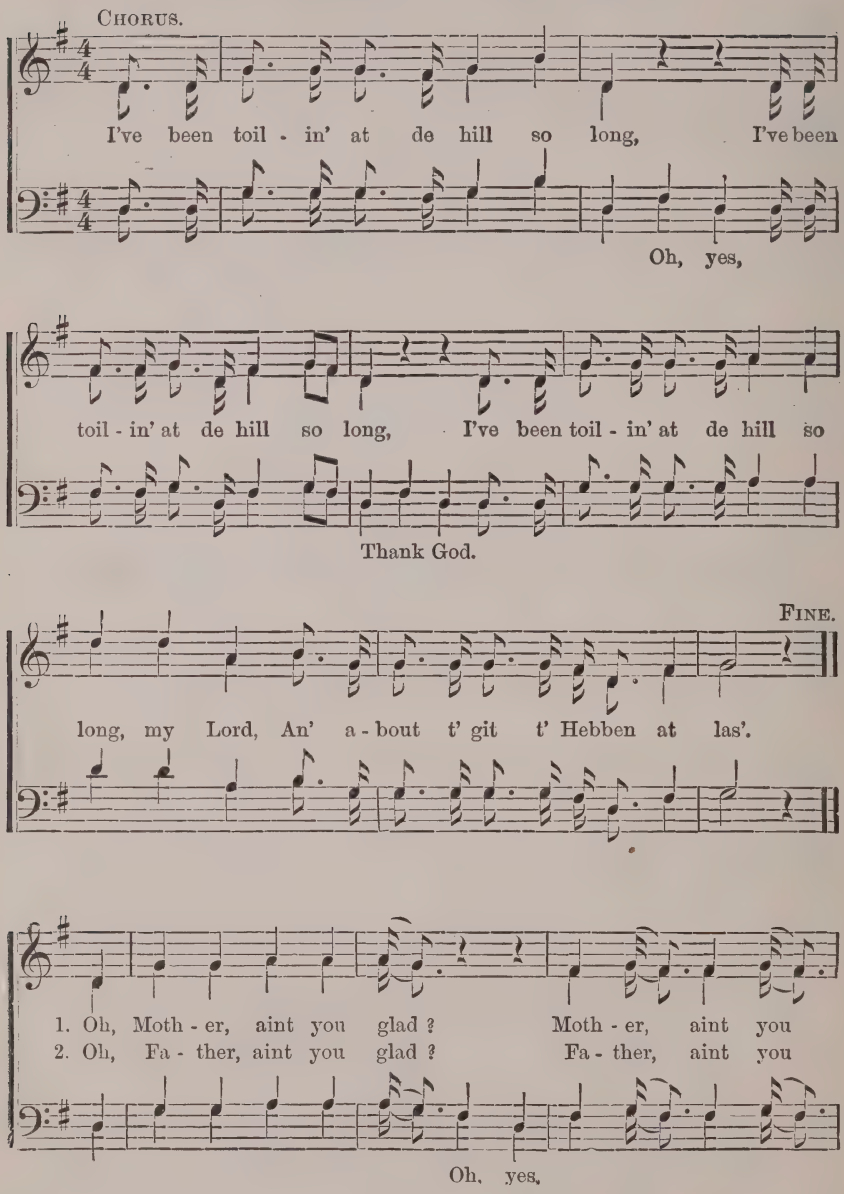


‖: 3 Did you hear how He groaned, bled an' died? :‖
Oh, how it makes me tremble, tremble,
Did you hear how he groaned, bled an' died?

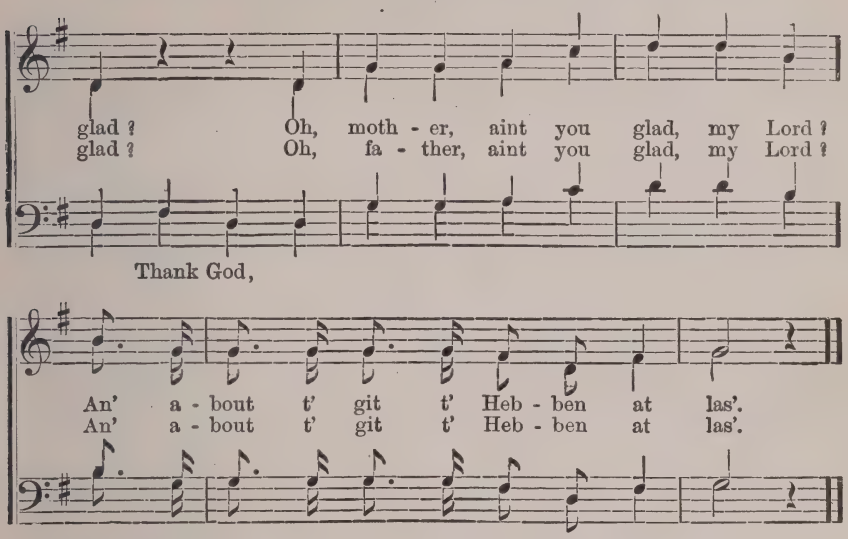
‖: 4 Did you hear how dey laid Him in de tomb? :‖
Oh, how it makes me tremble, tremble,
Did you hear how dey laid Him in de tomb?

‖: 5 Did you hear how He rose from de grave, :‖
Oh, how it makes me tremble, tremble,
Did you hear how He rose from de grave?

I've Been Toilin' at De Hill.



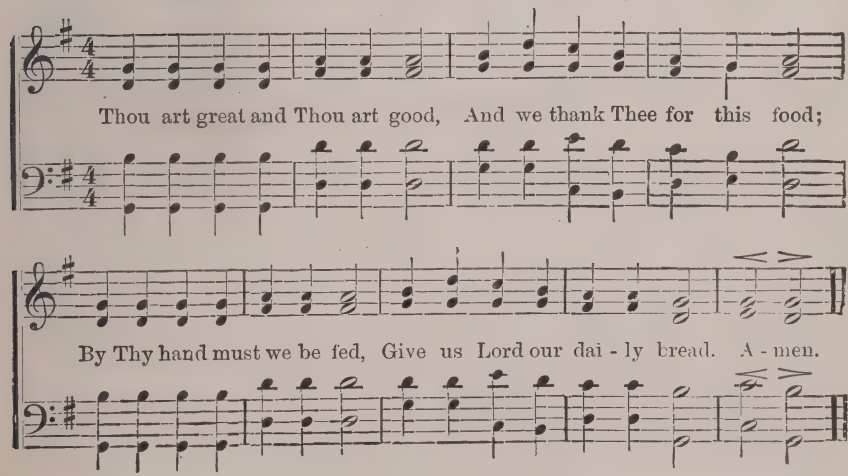
I've Been Toilin' at De Hill.—*Concluded.*



3 Oh, sister, aint you glad?
Sister, aint you glad?
Oh, sister, aint you glad, my Lord?
An' about t' git t' Hebben at las'.
Cho.

4 Oh, brother, aint you glad?
Brother, aint you glad?
Oh, brother, aint you glad, my Lord?
An' about t' git t' Hebben at las'.
Cho.

Grace Before Meat at Hampton.



When I Come t' Die.

1. Oh, when I come t' die, I wan' t' be read - y,

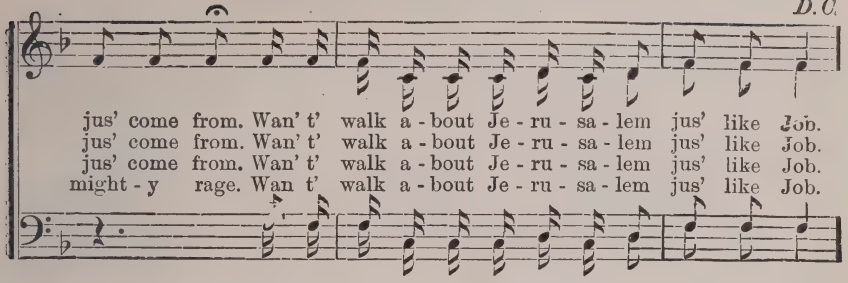
When I come t' die, Wan' t' walk about Je-ru-sa-lem jus' like Job.

When I come t' die, I wan' t' be read - y, When I come t' die.

FINE.

1. When I git dere I will sit down an' tell, Tell a-bout de world I
2. Walk a-bout Heb-ben an' car - ry de news, Tell a-bout de world I
3. I'll skip 'round Hebben an' car - ry de news, Tell a-bout de world I
4. Chris - tian, Chris - tian be en - gaged, Ole Sa-tan's git-tin' in a

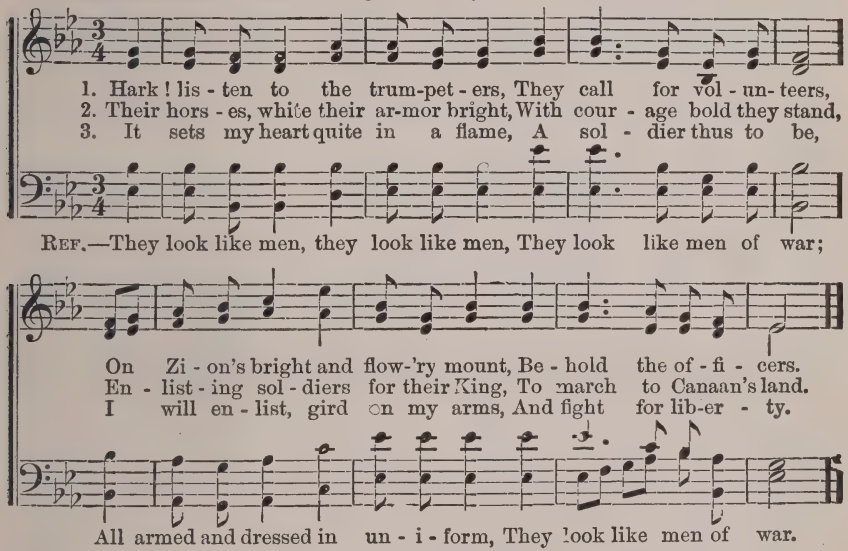
When I Come t' Die.



The Enlisted Soldiers.

(Sung by the men of the U. S. Colored Volunteers.)

NOTE.—While recruiting and drilling the 9th. Regiment, U. S. Colored troops at Benedict, Maryland, in the winter of 1863–64, the men gathered around the camp-fire would sing by the hour the melodies of the plantation slave life that they had just left—not always very melodious; but late one evening I was startled by a magnificent chorus from nearly a thousand black soldiers, that called me from my tent to listen to its most inspiring strains, and I caught the following words which I called the "Negro Battle Hymn." S. C. ARMSTRONG.



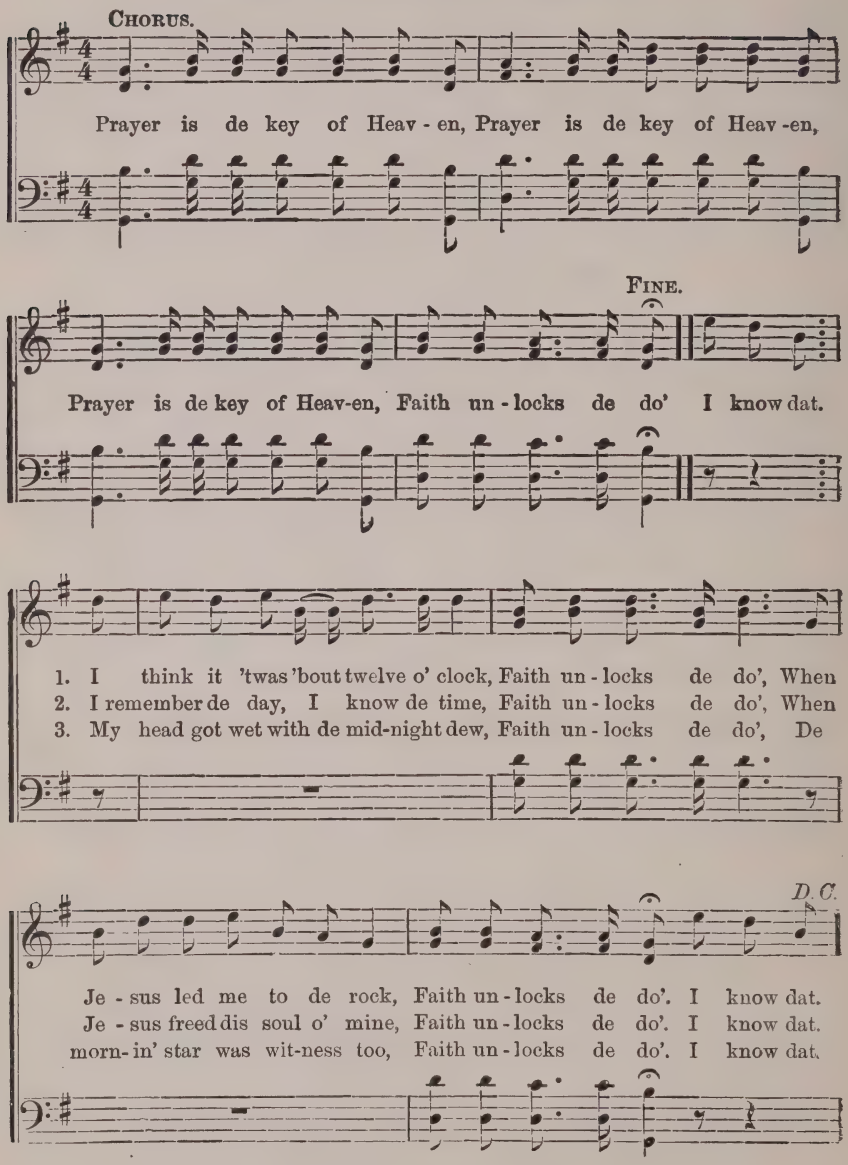
4 We want no cowards in our band,
That will their colors fly;
We call for valiant hearted men,
Who're not afraid to die.—*Ref*

5 To see our armies on parade,
How martial they appear,
All armed and dressed in uniform,
They look like men of war —*Ref.*

6 They follow their great General,
The great Eternal Lamb,
His garment stained in His own blood,
King Jesus is His name.—*Ref.*

7 The trumpets sound, the armies shout,
They drive the host of Hell,
How dreadful is our God to adore,
The great Immanuel.—*Ref.*

Prayer is de Key of Heaven.



My Soul Wants Something That's New.

CHORUS.

My soul wants something that's new, that's new, My soul wants something that's

new, My soul wants something that's new, that's new, My

FINE.

soul wants something that's new.

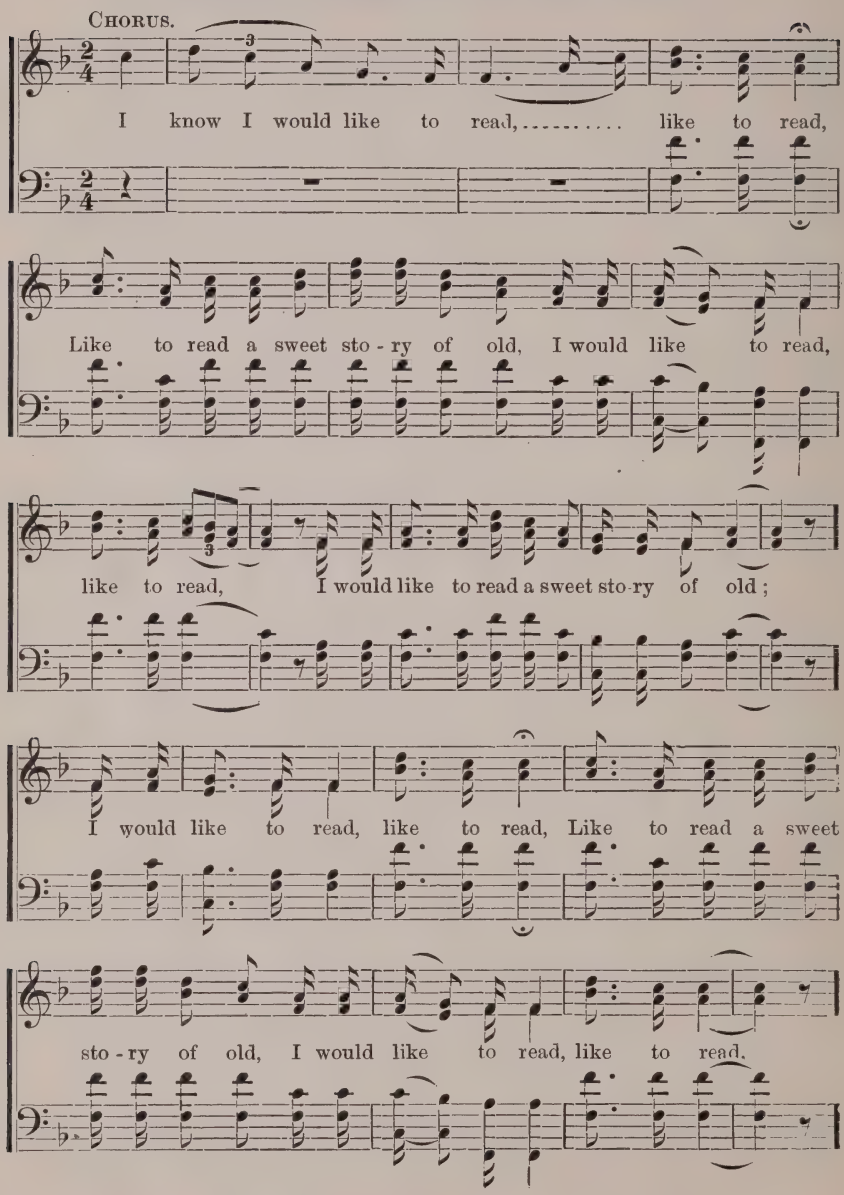
1. Dark was the night and
2. Was it for crimes that

cold the ground, On which the Lord was laid, His sweat like drops of
I had done, He groaned upon the tree? A - maz- ing pi - ty,

D. C.

blood run down, In ag - o - ny He prayed.
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree.

I Know I Would Like To Read.



I Know I Would Like To Read.—*Concluded.*

FINE.

I would like to read a sweet sto - ry of old. . .

1. Come on brud-der an' help me sing, Like to read a sweet

sto-ry of old, De sto - ry of a King Man - u - el,... .....

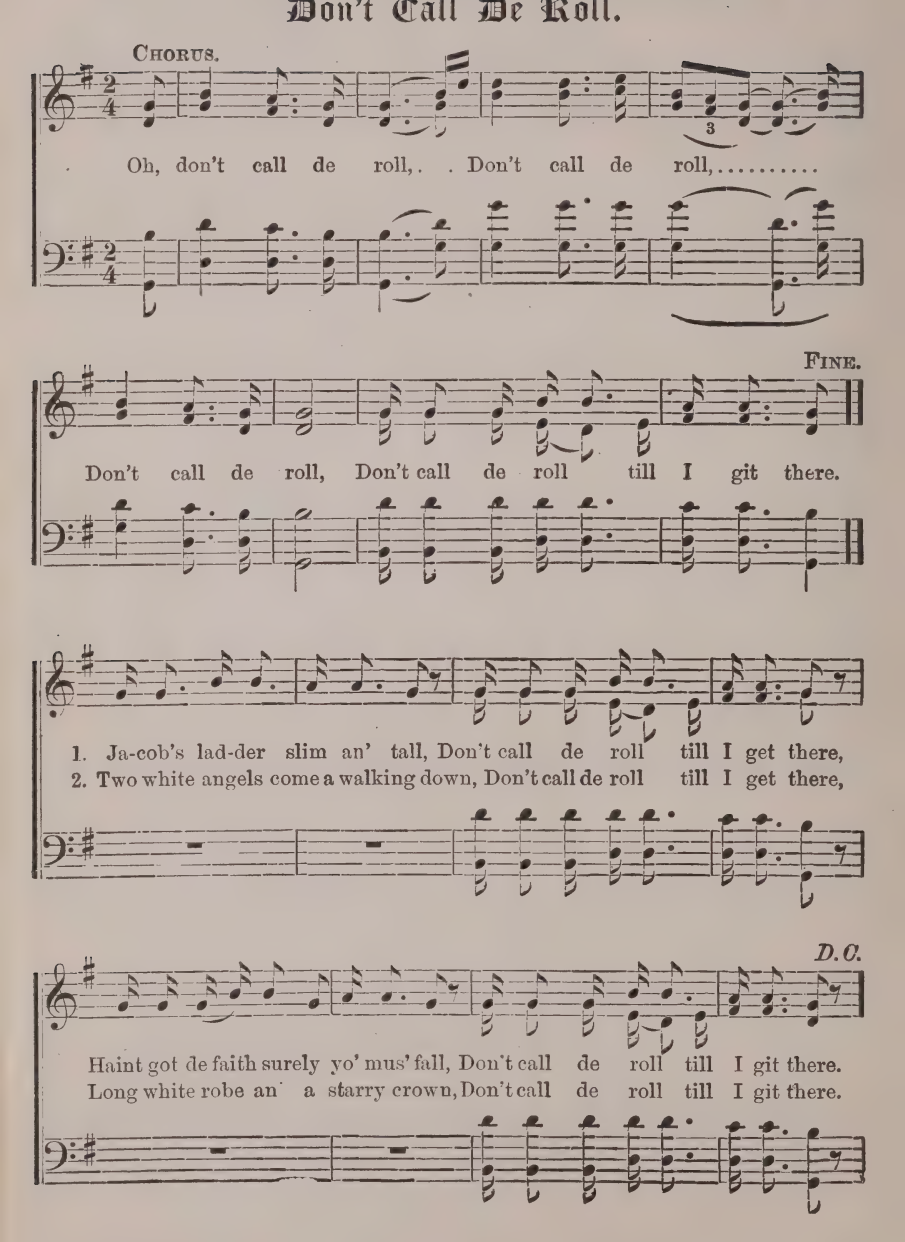
D. C.

I would like to read a sweet sto - ry of old.....

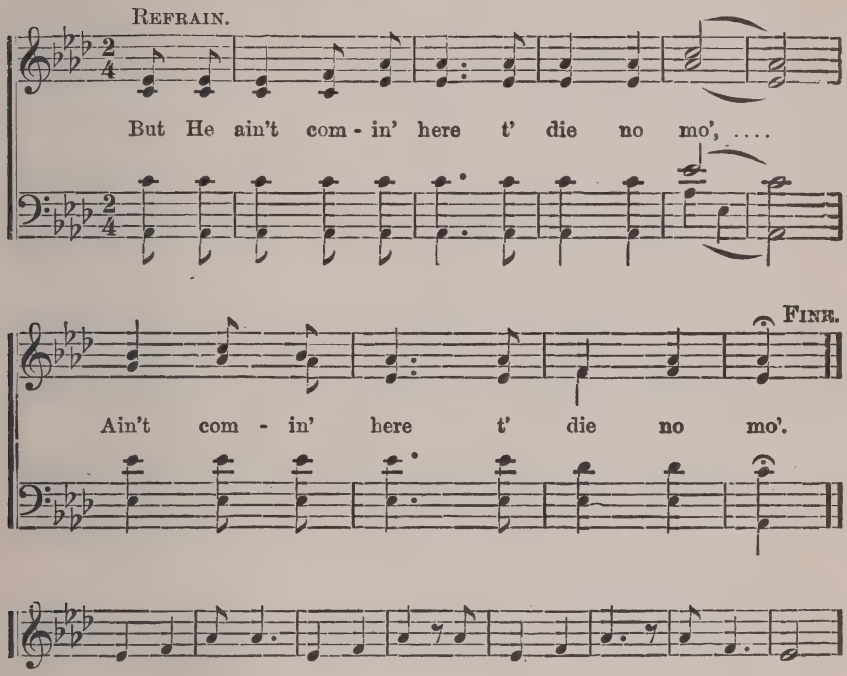
2 If ebber I get up on de other sho'
Like to read a sweet story of old.
By de grace of God I'll come here no mo'
I would like to read a sweet story of old.
Cho.

3 I des wan' to get up on de mountain top,
Like to read a sweet story of old.
I'll praise my God an' nebber stop,
I would like to read a sweet story of old.
Cho.

Don't Call De Roll.



Jesus Ain't Comin' Here t' Die No Mo'.



2 Hallelujah t' de Lamb,
Jesus died for every man.
But He ain't comin' here t' die no mo',
Ain't comin' here t' die no mo'.

3 He died for yo' He died for me,
He died t' set po' sinner free.
But He ain't comin' here t' die no mo',
Ain't comin' here t' die no mo',

4 He died for de rich, He died for de po'
He ain't comin' here to' die no mo',
But He ain't comin' here t' die no mo',
Ain't comin' here t' die no mo'.

5 He died for de blind, He died for de lame,
He bore de pain an' all de blame.
But He ain't comin' here t' die no mo',
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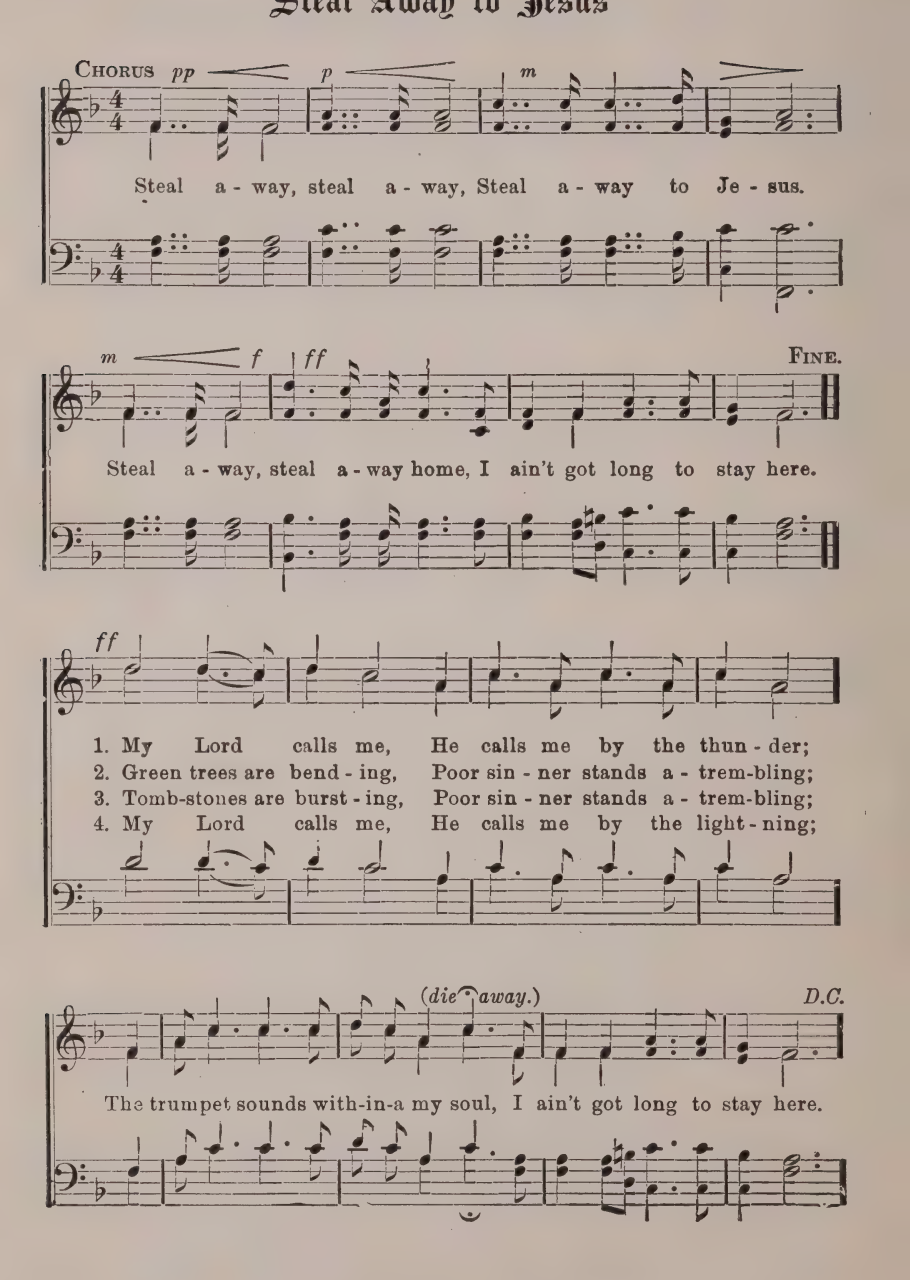
Steal Away to Jesus



Go Down, Moses

1. When Is - rael was in E-gypt's land, Let my peo-ple go;

Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo - ple go;

CHORUS

Go down, Mos - es, 'Way down in E - gypt's land;

Tell ole Pha - raoh Let my peo - ple go.

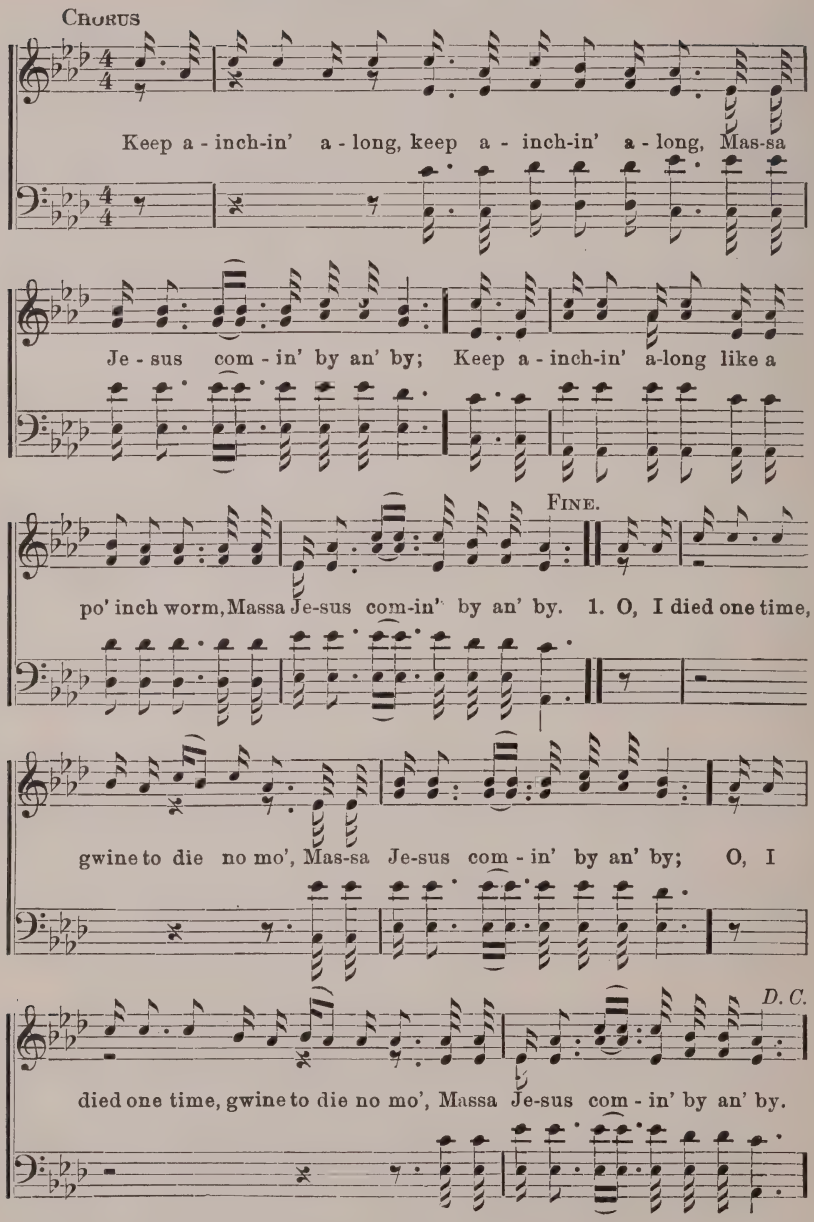
2 Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said,
Let my people go;
If not I'll smite your first-born dead,
Let my people go.

3 No more shall they in bondage toil,
Let my people go;
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil,
Let my people go.

4 The Lord told Moses what to do,
Let my people go;
To lead the children of Israel thro',
Let my people go.

5 When they had reached the other [shore,
Let my people go;
They sang a song of triumph o'er,
Let my people go.

Keep a-Inchin' Along



Keep a-Inchin' Along—*Concluded*

2 O you in de word an' de word in you,
Massa Jesus comin' by an' by;
O you in de word an' de word in you,
Massa Jesus comin' by an' by,
Cho.—Keep a-inchin', etc.

3 How can I die when I'm in de word?
Massa Jesus comin' by an' by;
How can I die when I'm in de word?
Massa Jesus comin' by an' by.
Cho.—Keep a-inchin', etc.

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

CHORUS *Moderato.*

Somebody's knocking at your door, Somebody's knocking at your door;

f *p* FINE.

O, sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knocking at your door.

f

1. Knocks like Je - sus, Some-bod - y's knocking at your door.
2. Can't you hear Him? Some-bod - y's knocking at your door.
3. An - swer Je - sus, Some-bod - y's knocking at your door.
4. Je - sus calls you, Some-bod - y's knocking at your door.
5. Can't you trust Him? Some-bod - y's knocking at your door.

D. S.

Knocks like Je - sus, Some-bod - y's knocking at your door.
Can't you hear Him? Some-bod - y's knocking at your door.
An - swer Je - sus, Some-bod - y's knocking at your door.
Je - sus calls you, Some-bod - y's knocking at your door.
Can't you trust Him? Some-bod - y's knocking at your door.

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian In - a my heart, in - a my
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In - a my heart, in - a my
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In - a my heart, in - a my
4. I don't want to be like Ju - das In - a my heart, in - a my
5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In - a my heart, in - a my

heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian In - a my heart..
heart, Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In - a my heart..
heart, Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In - a my heart..
heart, I don't want to be like Ju - das In - a my heart .
heart, Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In - a my heart..

REFRAIN.

In - a my heart,..... In - a my heart,.....
In - a my heart, In - a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In - a my heart..
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In - a my heart..
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In - a my heart..
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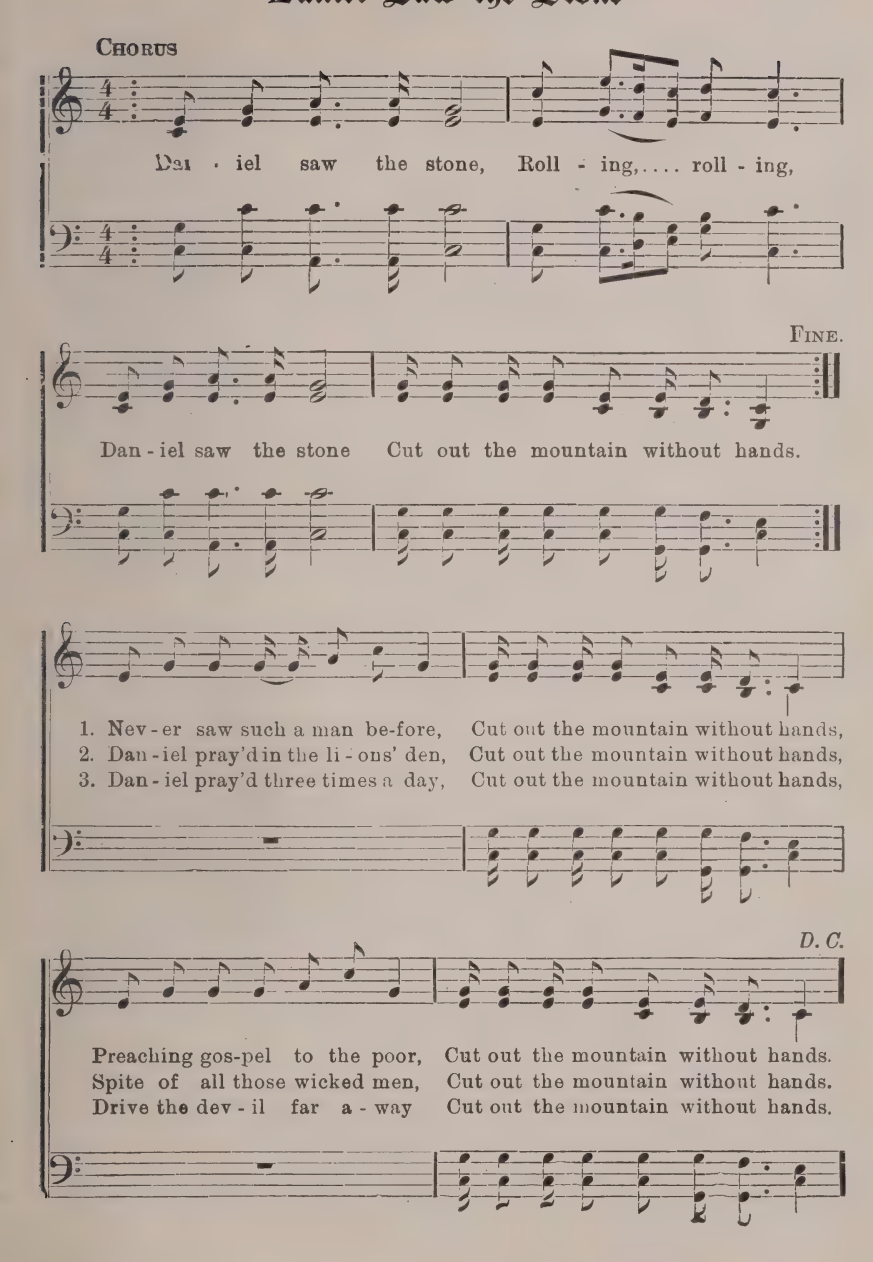
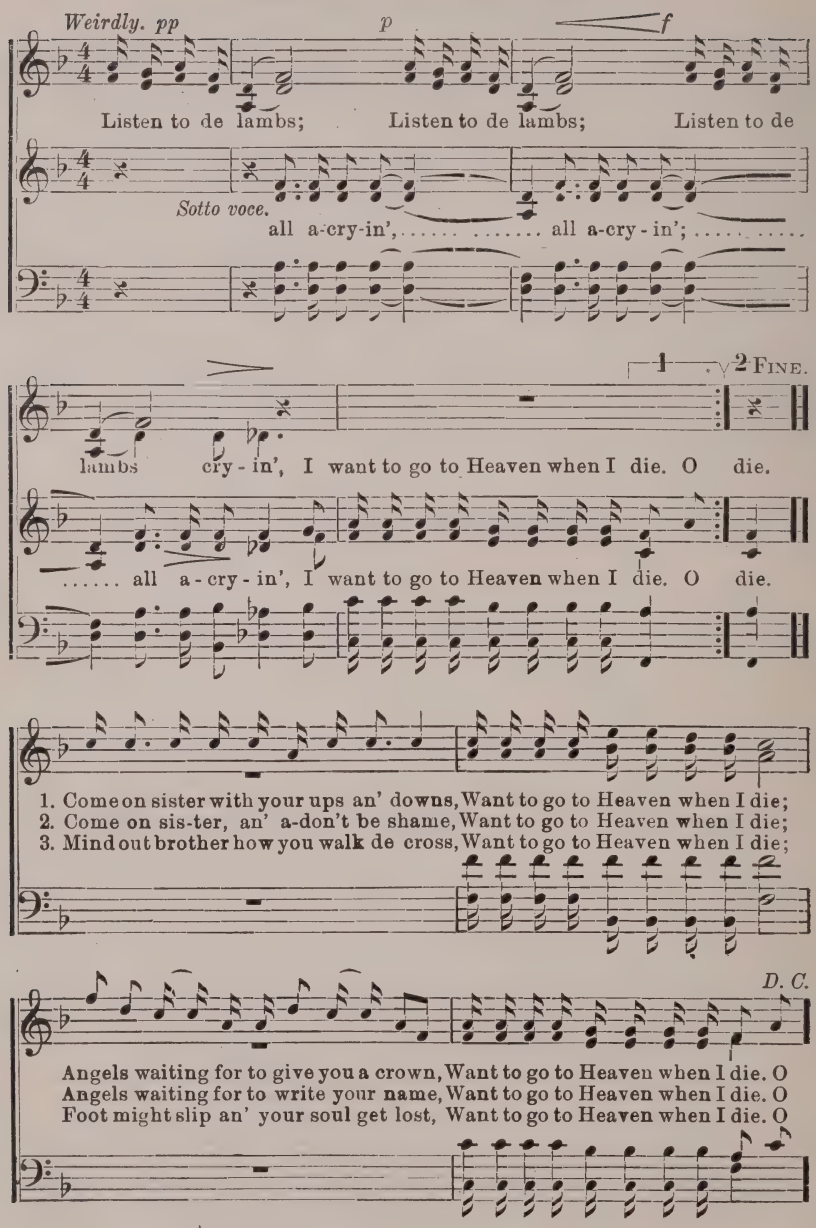
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In - a my heart..

Daniel Saw the Stone



Listen to de Lambs



Swing Low

Slow

Swing low, sweet char-i-ot, Coming for to car-ry me home, Swing low, sweet

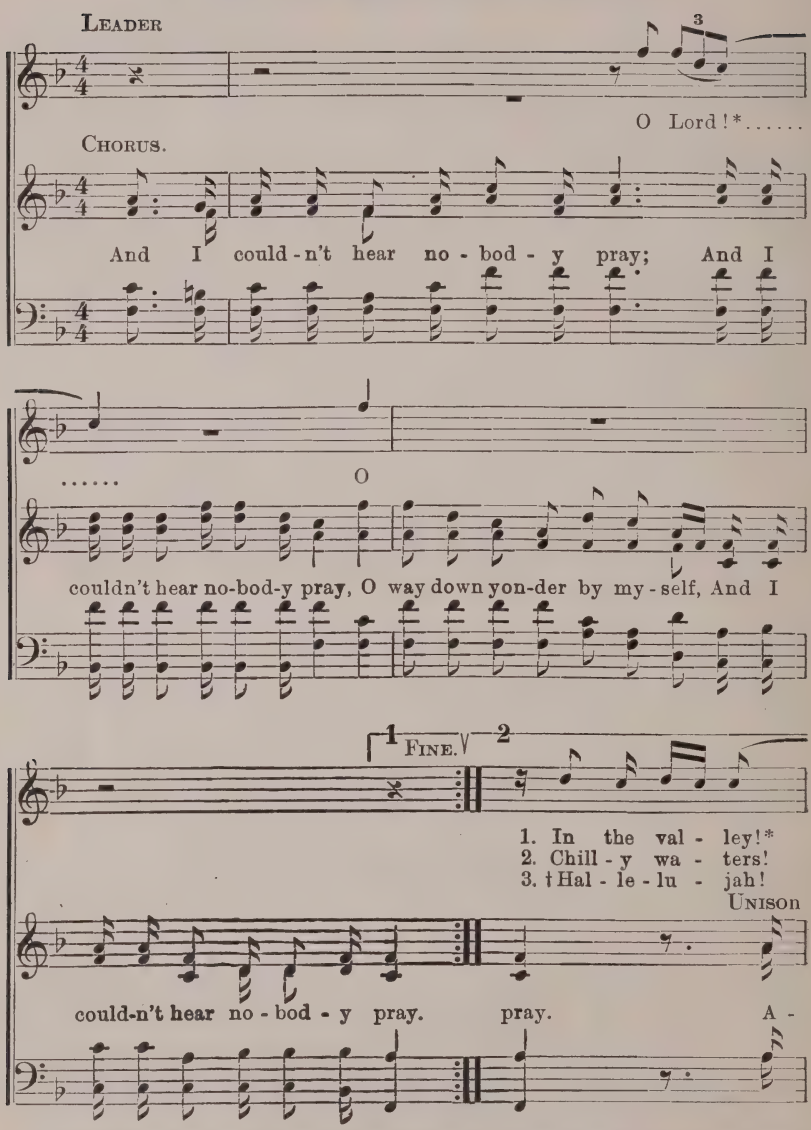
FINE.

char-i-ot, Coming for to carry me home.

1. I looked o-ver Jordan, and what did I see, Coming for to car-ry me home? A band of an-gels com-ing af-ter me, Com-ing for to car-ry me home.
2. If you get there be-fore I do, Coming for to car-ry me home; Tell all my friends I'm com-ing too, Com-ing for to car-ry me home.
3. I'm some-times up, I'm some-times down, Coming for to car-ry me home; But still my soul feels heav-en-ly bound, Com-ing for to car-ry me home.

D.C.

I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray



* The interjections used here are not the only ones which can be used, but may be changed according to the emotions of the leader.

† Let this stanza be exceedingly slow, about half as fast as the others, and the Chorus very soft. But go into the Refrain *a tempo*.

I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray—*Concluded*

ad libitum.

..... On my knees!.....
..... In the Jor - dan!....
..... Trou-bles o - ver!....

mf

could - n't hear no - bod - y pray, A -

..... With my bur-den!.....
..... Crossing o - ver!.....
..... In the king-dom!.....

couldn't hear no-bod-y pray, A-couldn't hear no-bod- y

D. C.

And my Sav - iour!..... O Lord!
In - to Ca - naan!..... O Lord!
With my Je - sus!..... O Lord!

pray, A - couldn't hear no-bod - y pray.

Were You There?

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (were you there?)
2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (to the tree?)
3. Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (in the side?)
4. Were you there when the sun re-fused to shine? (were you there?)
5. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (in the tomb?)

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!.....
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh!.....
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? Oh!.....
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? Oh!.....
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh!.....

Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,
Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,
Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,
Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,
Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,

trem - ble, Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
trem - ble, Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
trem - ble, Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
trem - ble, Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
trem - ble, Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

I Want to be Ready

CHORUS

I want to be read - y, I want to be read - y,

FINE

I want to be read - y To walk in Je - ru - sa-lem just like John.

1. John said that Jerusalem was four-square, Walk in Jerusalem just like John.
2. When Pe-ter was preaching at Pentecost, Walk in Jerusalem just like John.

D. C.

I hope, good Lord, I'll meet you there, Walk in Je-ru-salem just like John.
O he was filled with the Ho-ly Ghost, Walk in Je-ru-salem just like John.

Ezekiel Saw de Wheel

CHORUS

E - ze-kiel saw de wheel, 'Way up in de mid-dle ob de air,

E - ze-kiel saw de wheel, 'Way in de mid-dle ob de air;

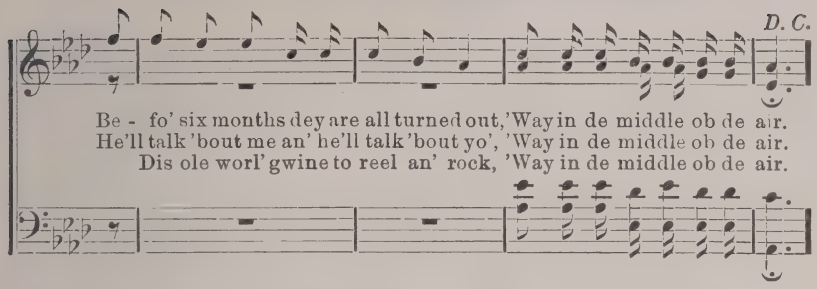
An' de lit-tle wheel run by faith, An' de big wheel run by de

FINE.

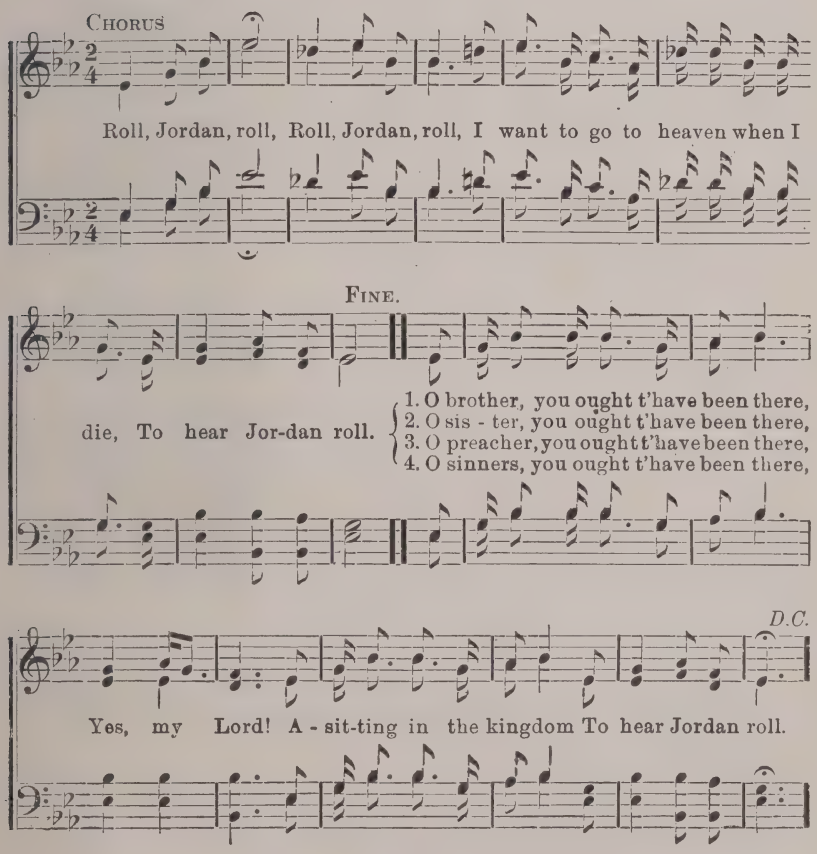
grace ob God, 'Tis a wheel in a wheel, 'Way in de middle ob de air.

1. Some go to church fo' to sing an' shout, 'Way in de middle ob de air;
2. Let me tell you what a hypocrit'll do, 'Way in de middle ob de air;
3. One o' dese days, 'bout twelve o'clock, 'Way in de middle ob de air;

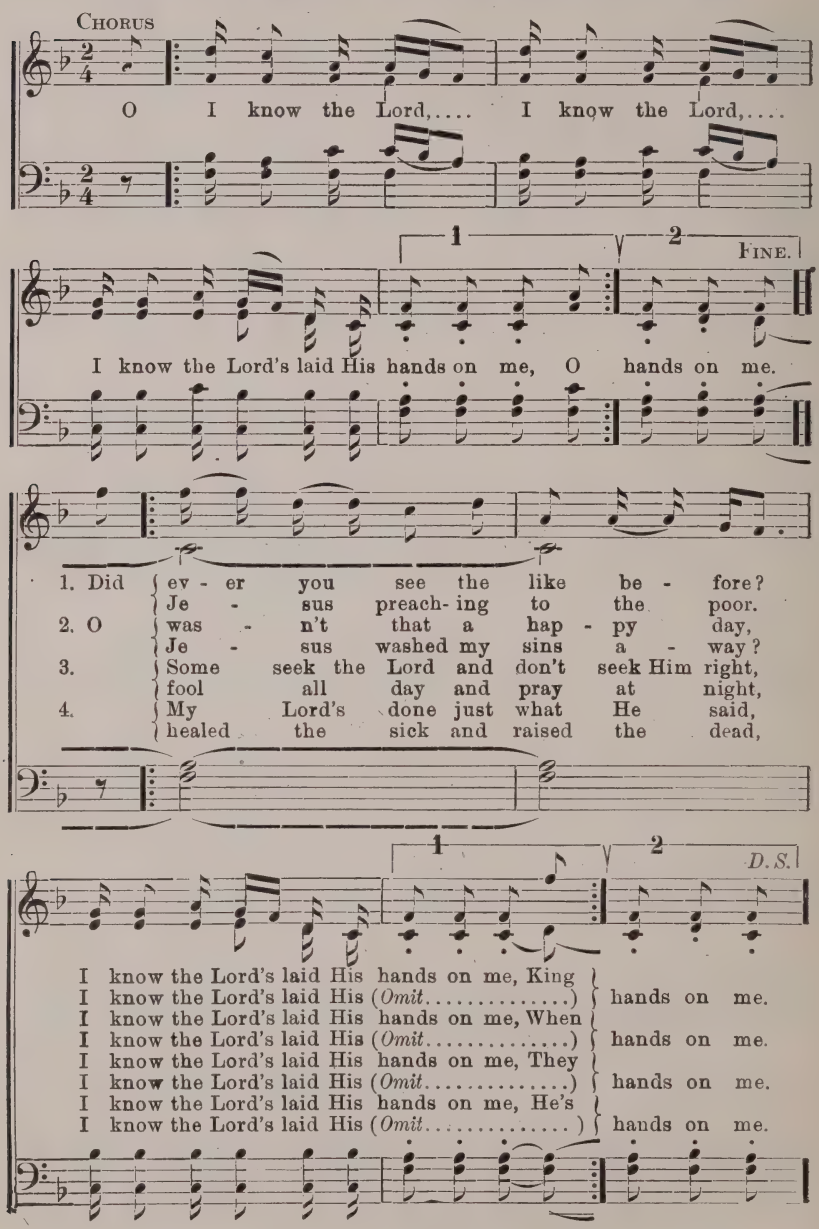
Ezekiel Saw de Wheel—*Concluded*



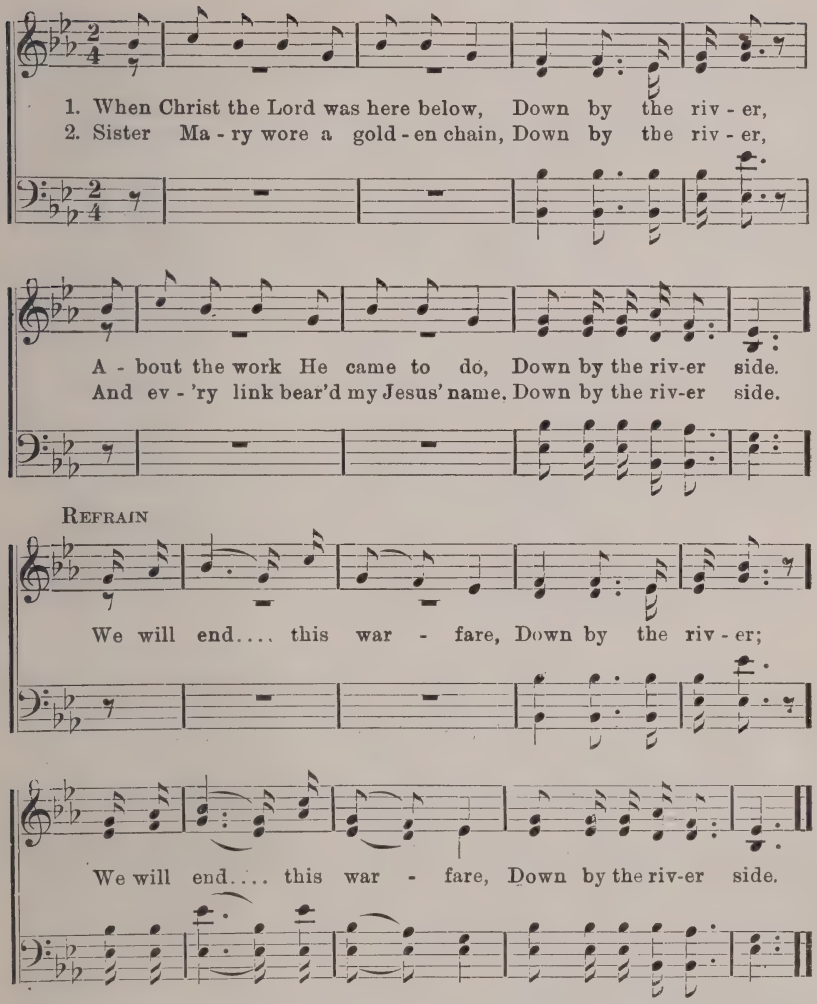
Roll, Jordan, Roll



I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me



Down by the River



3 Pilate called for water to wash his hands,
Down by the river;
"I find no fault of this good man,"
Down by the river side.—*Ref.*

4 O fishin' Peter led the way,
Down by the river;
But nothing was caught till the break of day,
Down by the river side.—*Ref.*

5 Sister Mary wept and Martha cried,
Down by the river;
When Christ the Lord was crucified,
Down by the river side.—*Ref.*

6 When we meet in the middle of the air,
Down by the river;
We hope to meet our friends all there,
Down by the river side.—*Ref.*

Going to Shout all over God's Heav'n

Joyfully, but not too fast

1. I've got a robe, you've got a robe, All of God's children got a robe; When I get to Heav-en, goin' to put on my robe,
2. I've got a crown, you've got a crown, All of God's children got a crown; When I get to Heav-en, goin' to put on my crown,
3. I've got a shoes, you've got a shoes, All of God's children got a shoes; When I get to Heav-en, goin' to put on my shoes,
4. I've got a harp, you've got a harp, All of God's children got a harp; When I get to Heav-en, goin' to play on my harp,
5. I've got a song, you've got a song, All of God's children got a song; ; When I get to Heav-en, goin' to sing a new song;

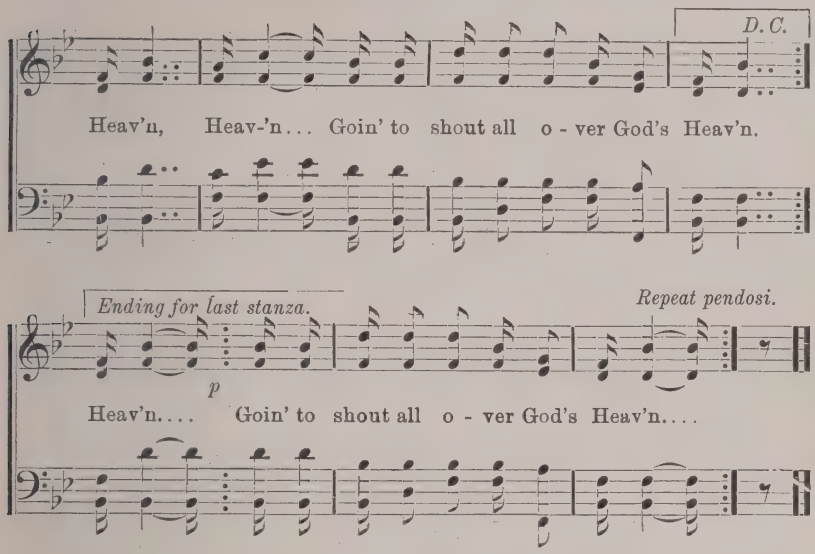
REFRAIN

Goin' to shout all o - ver God's Heav'n.
Goin' to shout all o - ver God's Heav'n.
Goin' to walk all o - ver God's Heav'n.
Goin' to play all o - ver God's Heav'n.
Goin' to sing all o - ver God's Heav'n.
} Heav'n*, Heav'n,

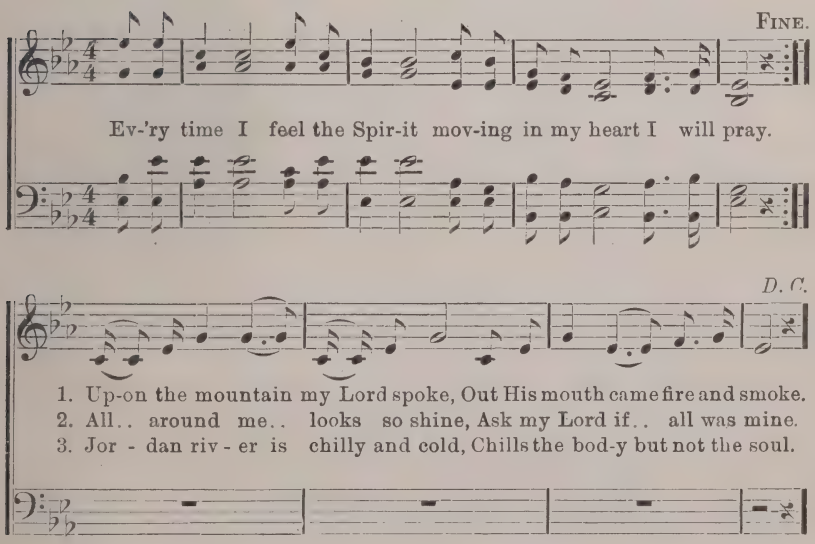
Ev - 'ry - bod - y talk - in' 'bout heav - 'n ain't go - in' there,

* Let the last syllable of "Heav'n" be a hum

Going to Shout all over God's Heav'n—*Concluded*



Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit



Want to Go to Heaven When I Die

1. Want to go to Heav-en when I die, Want to go to Heav - en
2. Want to see my mother when I die, Want to see my moth - er
3. Want to see my fa-ther when I die, Want to see my fa - ther
4. Want to see my sis-ter when I die, Want to see my sis - ter
5. Want to see my Je- sus when I die, Want to see my Je - sus

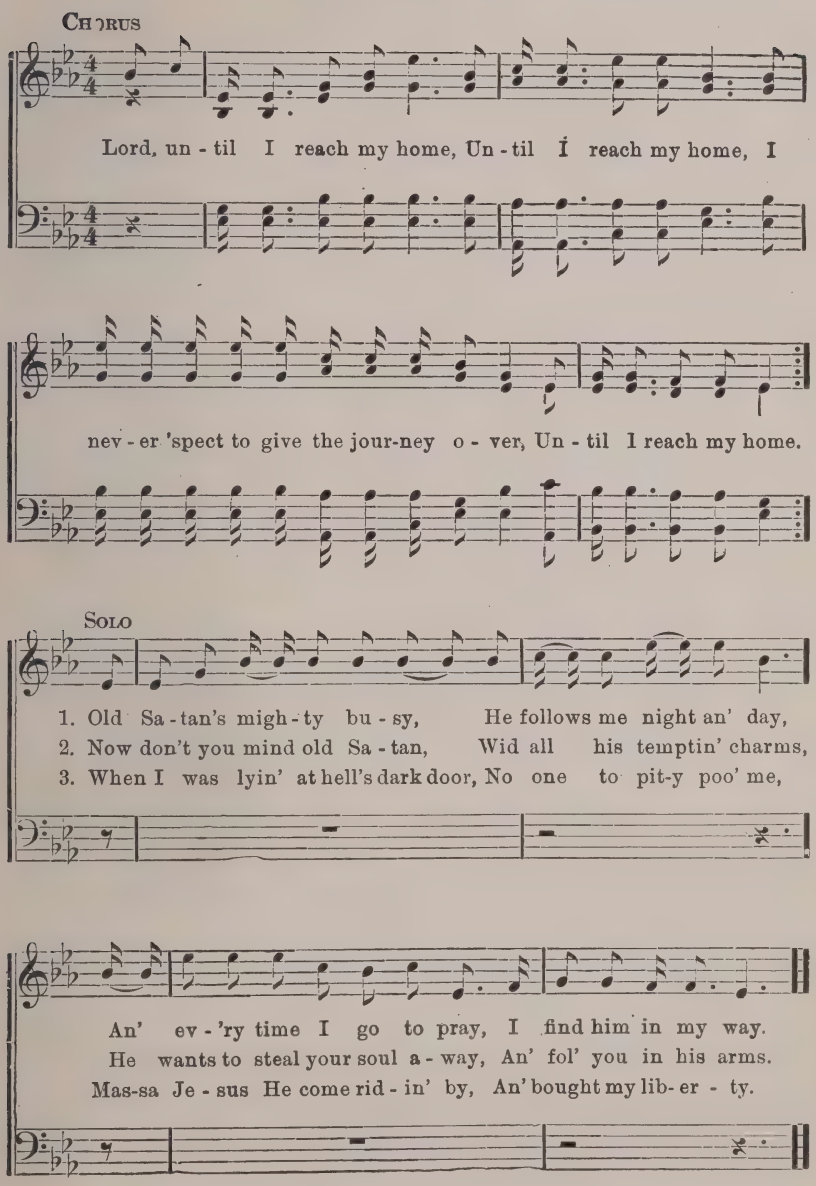
when I die, Want to go to Heav-en when I die; Good Lord,
when I die, Want to see my mother when I die; Good Lord,
when I die, Want to see my fa-ther when I die; Good Lord,
when I die, Want to see my sis-ter when I die; Good Lord,
when I die, Want to see my Je-sus when I die; Good Lord,

when I die, Good Lord, when I die, Good Lord, when I die,

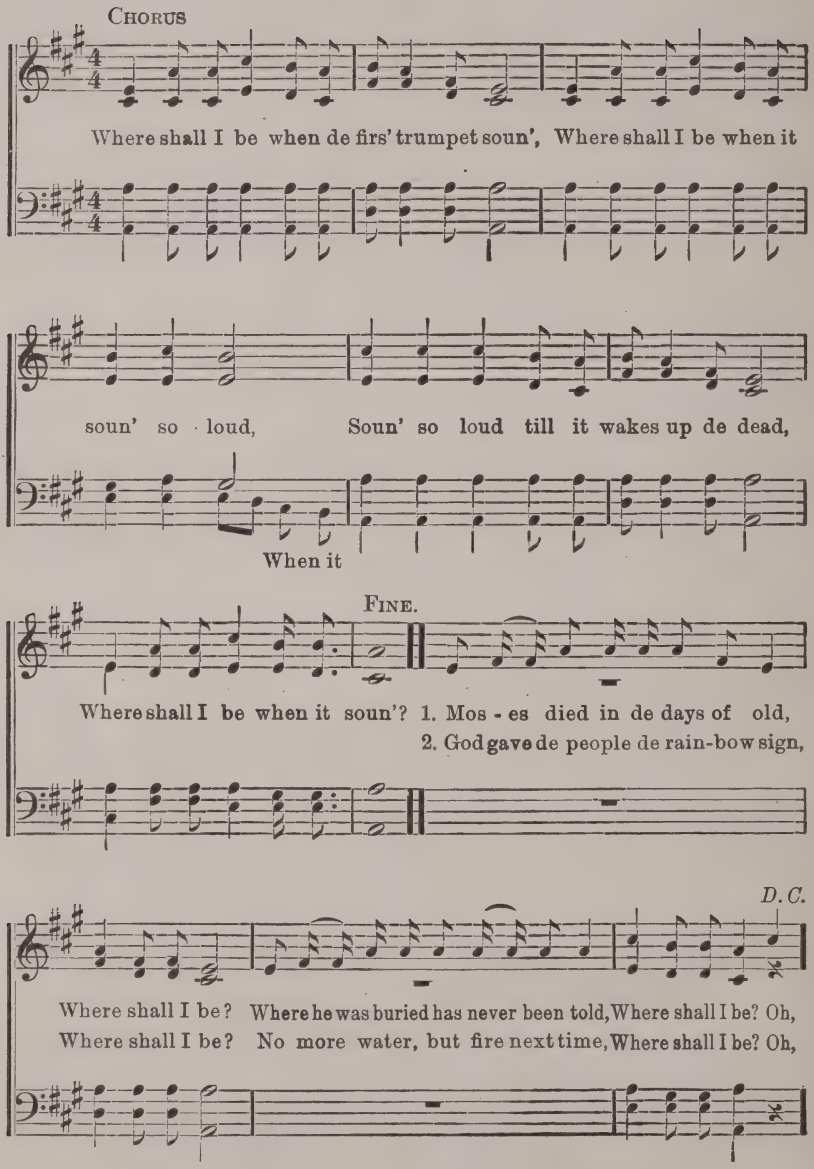
Good Lord, when I die, Good Lord, when I die.

LEADER—Shout o-ver!

Lord, Until I Reach My Home

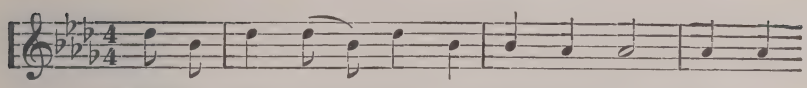


Where Shall I Be When de Firs' Trumpet Soun'?

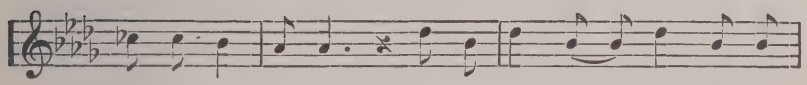


Rise Up, Shepherd, an' Foller

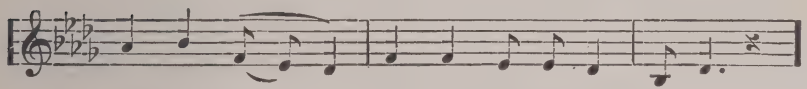
(CHRISTMAS PLANTATION SONG)



1. Dere's a Star in de Eas' on Christmas morn, Rise up,
2. If yo' take good heed to de an - gel's words, Rise up,



Shepherd, an' fol - ler; It 'll lead t' de place where de
Shepherd, an' fol - ler; Yo'll for - get yo' flocks, yo'll for-



Sav - iour's born,.... Rise up, Shepherd, an' fol - ler;
get yo' herds,... Rise up, Shepherd, an' fol - ler;

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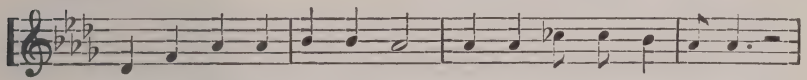
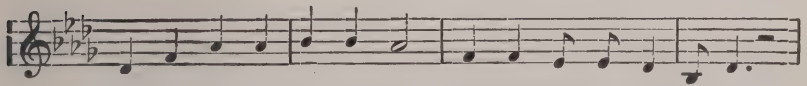
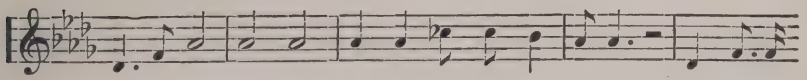


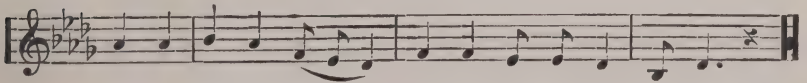
Leave yo' sheep and leave yo' lambs, Rise up, Shepherd, an' fol- ler,



Leave yo' ewes an' leave yo' rams, Rise up, Shepherd, an' fol - ler;



Fol - ler, fol - ler, Rise up, Shepherd, an' fol-ler; Fol - ler de



Star o' Beth-le - hem,... Rise up, Shepherd, an' fol - ler.

Go Tell it on de Mountain

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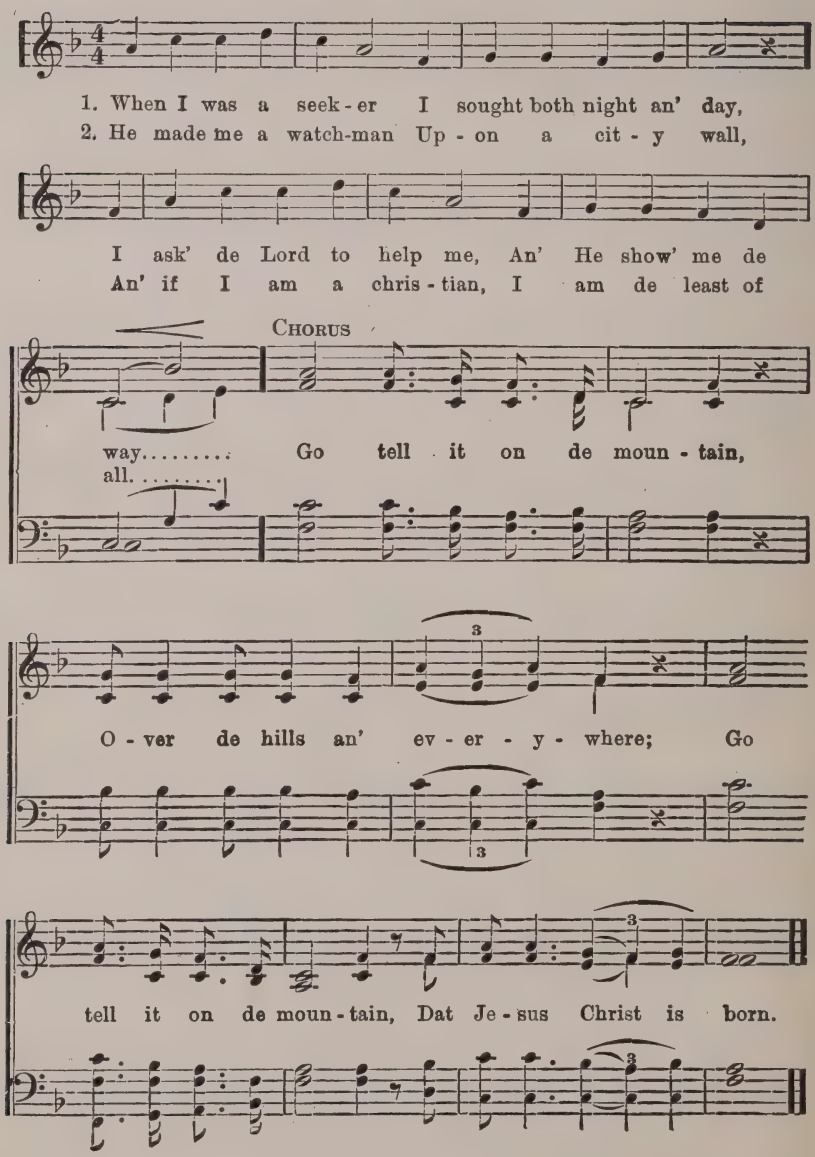
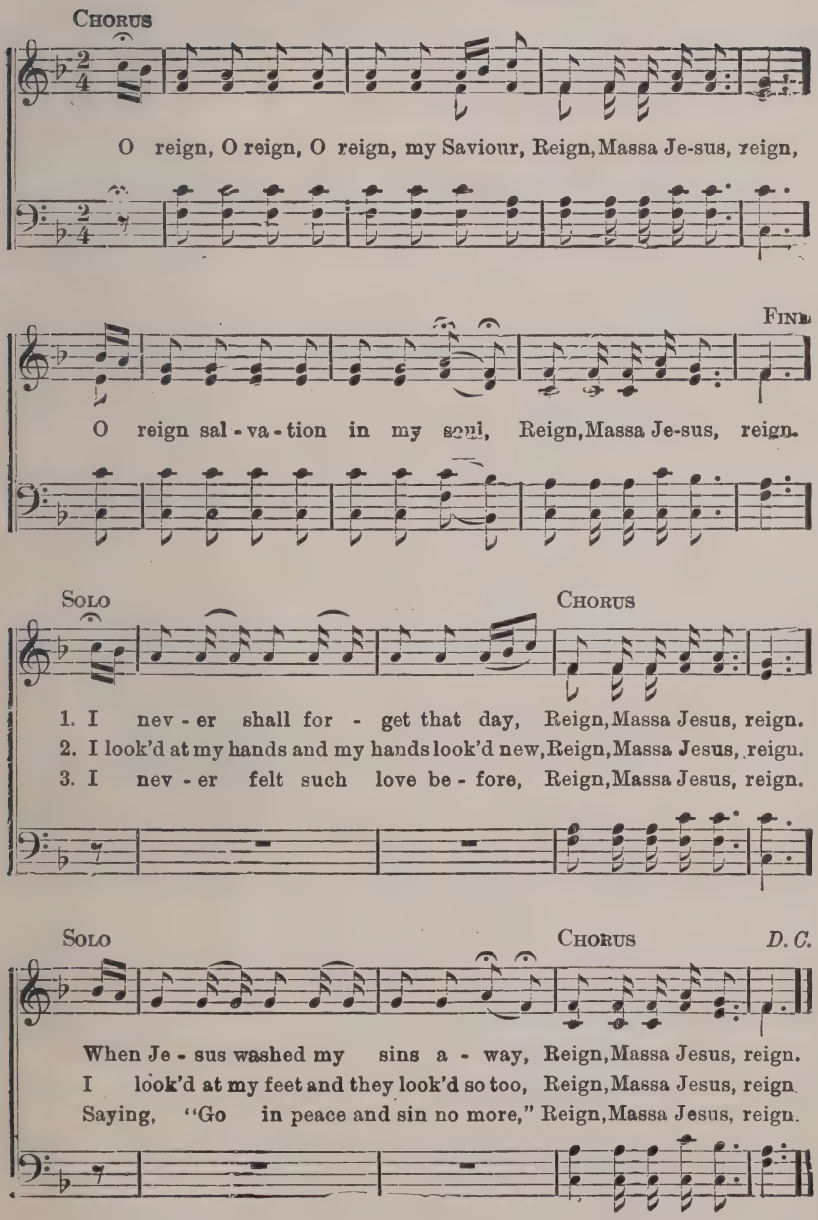


Reign, Massa Jesus



'Tis Me.

Plaintive.

'Tis me, 'tis me, O Lord, Stand-ing in the need of pray'r;

Repeat pp
FINE.

'Tis me, 'tis me, O Lord, Stand-ing in the need of pray'r.

1. Not my broth-er, but 'tis me, O Lord, Standing in the need of pray'r;
2. Not my sis - ter, but 'tis me, O Lord, Standing in the need of pray'r;
3. Not my moth-er, but 'tis me, O Lord, Standing in the need of pray'r;
4. Not my eld- er, but 'tis me, O Lord, Standing in the need of pray'r;

D.C.

Not my broth-er, but 'tis me, O Lord, Standing in the need of pray'r.
Not my sis- ter, but 'tis me, O Lord, Standing in the need of pray'r.
Not my moth-er, but 'tis me, O Lord, Standing in the need of pray'r.
Not my eld - er, but 'tis me, O Lord, Standing in the need of pray'r.

The Rocks and the Mountains.

CHORUS.

Oh, the rocks and the mountains shall all flee a - way,

FINE.

And you shall have a new hid - ing - place that day.

1. Seek - er, seek - er, give up your heart to God,

D.C.

And you shall have a new hid - ing - place that day.

2 Doubter, doubter, give up your heart to God,
And you shall have a new hiding-place that day.
CHO.—Oh, the rocks and the mountains, etc

3 Mourner, mourner, give up your heart to God, etc.

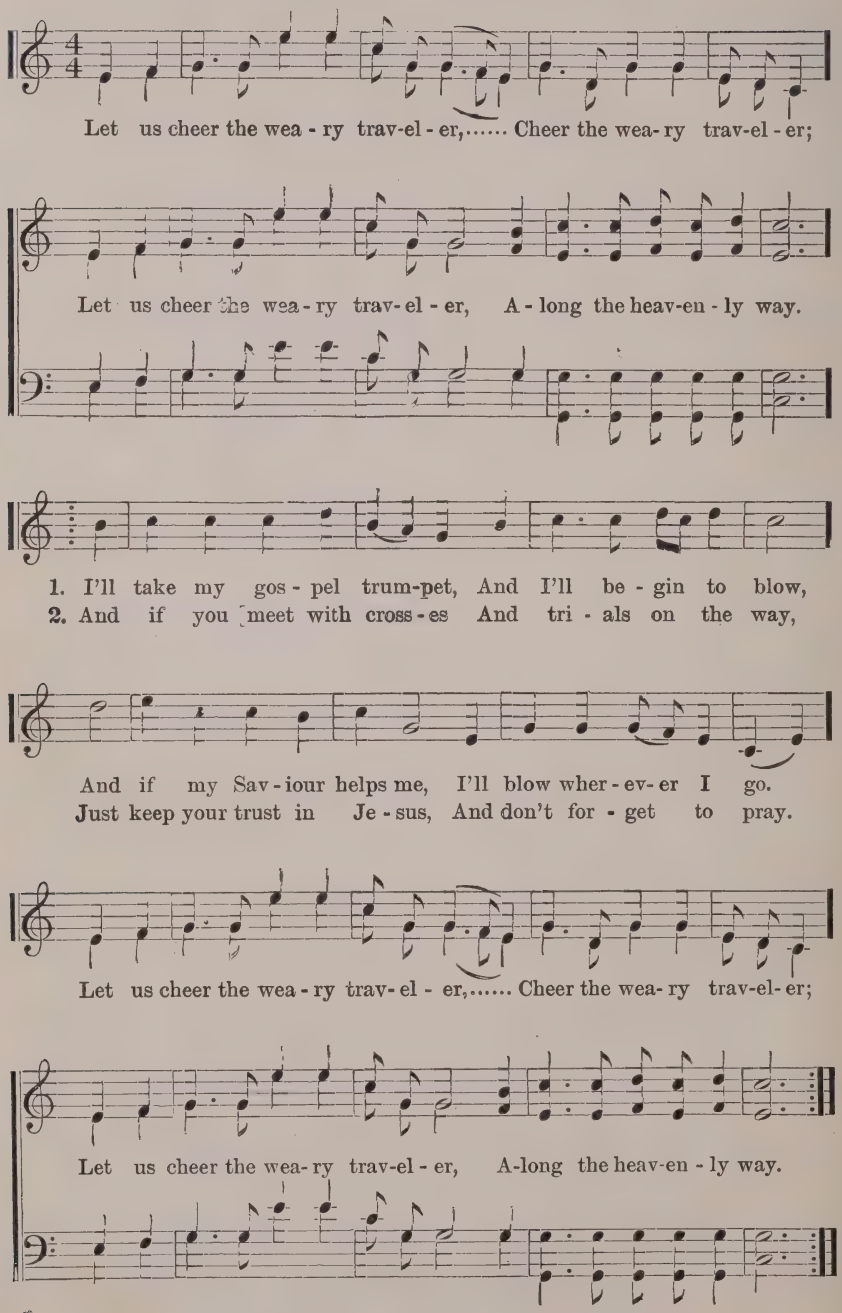
4 Sinner, sinner, give up your heart to God, etc.

5 Sister, sister, give up your heart to God, etc,

6 Mother, mother, give up your heart to God, etc.

7 Children, children, give up your heart to God, etc.

Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler.



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